

**June 23, 2009**

**To whom it may concern,**

Hereby we would like to confirm that Alexandr Shalamov, Mikhail Davydov, Denis Tichenkov, Ivo De Rooij and Steven P ten Pas were working in a group on the research project: "Russia HPC Market Research for the Upcoming 5 Years: Dynamics and Growth Potential".

We highly appreciate students' interest in the field of HPC market, and their efforts to deal with such a complicated theme. We've drawn attention to their strong academic skills, and the ability to work with different sources of information including primary sources. They've also demonstrated excellent presentation and communication skills. The research correctly grasped the role of governmental and academic agencies in the HPC market.

Although we have to note that the final research paper suffers from several shortcomings, and our main recommendations to the team would be:

- Establish intermediate milestones to check the progress and review preliminary results of the research;
- Send the final report and accompanying slides for review several days in advance.

Based on the considerations mentioned above and some others, we give 8 points to the Group.

**Yours sincerely,  
Branch Manager**



**Yury Yudin**