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To Whom it May Concern:

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) has been working in cooperative partnership since January 1995 with the Norwegian Public Roads Administration (NPRA) in evaluating a ROAR Friction Measurement Device manufactured by Norsemeter AS, Norway. Mn/DOT became interested in cooperative research proposal presented to us by NPRA after review of the unique friction measurement concept incorporated in the ROAR unit. Thus, Mn/DOT has entered into the second phase of the research by agreeing to lease the next generation SOLTAR unit for a two-year period starting January 1997.

Mn/DOT has received support from Norsemeter AS and their representatives in the technical functions of preparing research work plans and defining the possible use of such friction units in our maintenance operations.

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