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Ref: A reference letter for APM-Telescopes

To whom it may be concerned,

I'm writing this letter to recommend Mr. Markus Ludes for his telescope selling.

On behalf of Weihai Observatory of Shandong University, I express our thankfulness to APM Company to present such a perfect telescope. We both sides signed the contract at 2005 for a 1M Cassegrain equatorial mounted telescope. It was installed on May 17th and opening from June 9th, 2007. By our test, the technical specifications are even more excellent than agreement. The optical quality is good, and the image quality is better than we expected. The mechanical system is stable, the pointing of our telescope is 5.4 arc sec RMS for altitude 20-90 degrees, and the tracking accuracy is 0.54 arc sec RMS in 10 minutes blind guiding. The electronics and software system is our most favorable part, but it would be better if they add more useful functions in software, such as autofocus, satellite tracking.

From then on, we carried out a series of scientific experiments. Up to now, we have found 27 new minor planets which got one permanent number and done other research as well as some publications.

Their sale-support is good too. There's an adapter broken between worm and planetary gearing in the end of 2008. They send us a new one later. I must say APM is always available whenever we need and whatever we ask.

I hereby strongly support their products and recommend telescope to your company. If you have some questions, please feel free to ask me.

Sincerely yours,



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