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Dear Director,

**Mr. Celso Doria**

This letter is written at the request of Celso Doria. I have waited until now to respond in order that I could base my opinion on his doctoral dissertation, which he has just submitted.

That Thesis is devoted to the existence of minimal surfaces with free boundaries in Riemannian manifolds. This is a most central and rich area - to which Doria has made important contributions. His Thesis shows true mastery of detail, as well as fine expository style. I might say parenthetically that he has worked quite independently here at Warwick, showing very much initiative, good taste, and drive.

I have no hesitation in recommending him to you, strongly. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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Professor of Mathematics  
Director of Mathematics at  
The International Centre for Theoretical Physics.