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Dear Mr. Hatch:

I have been asked by Mr. Joseph Thames to comment on his synthetic calculus products for the benefit of potential investors in his company. I was a user of his former product, PROSE, for about 12 years prior to the development of his current product, FORTRAN CALCULUS, which I have been using since 1989. At present, FORTRAN CALCULUS is installed on the VAX Cluster, the Cray YMP and on two PC's at Du Pont's Experimental Station at a total cost of $90,000.

The programs we wrote using FORTRAN CALCULUS were highly instrumental in the development of Du Pont's new line of high image quality medical x-ray films, Ultra-Vision™, which was introduced in 1992. The unique features of synthetic calculus made the highly sophisticated mathematical models which were essential for this development solvable in a timely and effective manner.

Software development for R&D is extremely expensive because of its mathematical complexity and the long delays imposed by the use of conventional programming languages. What makes synthetic calculus so important is its ability to address sophisticated applications at the level of the physics involved, without requiring the user to be skilled in numerical methods. This greatly simplifies the application of advanced mathematics to "real world" problems in science and engineering and holds great promise for science education.

Having followed and participated in Mr. Thames' work for many years we are very interested in the expansion of his business through outside financing.

Please feel free to call me at any time if you require additional information.

Truly yours,

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Senior Research Associate