



**MTA Metro-North Railroad
Capital Construction Mgmt.
Bld. 14 Harmon Yard
Croton-On-Hudson, N.Y. 10520**

April 28, 2005

Janod Contractors
Route 78
P.O. Box 717
Swanton, Vt. 05488

Attention: Mr. Daniel Journeaux, President
Re: Letter of Recommendation

Dear Mr. Journeaux;

Let this letter serve as a recommendation to any rail service in regards to Janod's ability, efficiency, and safety practices while performing rock slope remedial work along railroad right-of-way.

In 2001 & 2002, Janod Contractors performed light hand scaling and installed rock bolts & rock mesh at seven sites along both our Hudson and Harlem Lines. These locations included both electrified territory (3rd rail) and non-electrified territory that were subject to heavy traffic.

Metro-North Railroad's specifications were very limited in regards to track usage, and outages. With the means and methods presented by your company, we were able to work under traffic (with drilling operations) when your men were outside our traffic envelope. When these operations required us to foul track, but would not hamper train movement, we were able to work under Rule 74's (stop and protect), which gave us flexibility to move trains and clear up, if necessary, at any given time.

Many contractors expressed their concern during the pre-bid process that the work could not be performed as described by contract, however, Janod did perform the work, safely and efficiently. In fact, Janod completed the contract ahead of schedule.

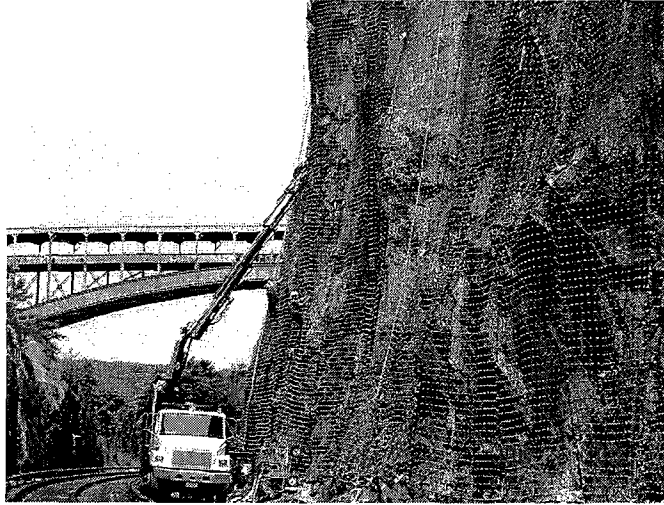
Attached I have included a few progress photographs.

Based on prior success, I offer this letter and I also look forward to working with you in the future. If I can be of any other help, please feel free to call me, 914-686-8786.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey R. Manthey".

Jeffrey R. Manthey, P.E.
Sr. Construction Engineer
Project Manager



Spuyten Duyvil



Hudson Highlands



Pull-out test



Scarborough Manor, N.Y.