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Renan Oss Giacomelli Federal University of Santa Catarina Materials Laboratory - Mechanical Engineering Department R. Roberto Sampaio Gonzaga, s/n 88040-900 Florianopólis, BRAZIL

Dear Mr. Giacomelli,

It is our great pleasure to congratulate you on receiving a Student Sponsorship Award to present your project at the 2016 Society of Vacuum Coaters TechCon in Indianapolis, IN. We hope the TechCon offered you the opportunity to further your continuing education in vacuum coating technologies, contribute to the progress of your career, and establish contacts within the Society.

Your presentation, "Plasma Nitrided + DLC: A Multifunctional Coating on Gray and Nodular Cast Irons," was very well received and the Technical Program Committee was quite pleased with the quality of this year's Sponsored Student presentations. Thank you for your valuable contribution to the technical program and the overall success of the conference.

Our best wishes to you as you continue your studies and we hope to have the opportunity to see you again at a future SVC event. If you have any questions about the Society of Vacuum Coaters, its special programs for young members and students, or wish to learn how to become more involved in our community, you are welcome to contact any of us directly. We are always looking for ways to enhance our technical program and to gain fresh perspectives from new volunteers and leaders from the next-generation of vacuum coaters.

Sincerely,

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Chris Stoessel, 2016 Technical Program Chair

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Hana Baránková, 2016 Student Sponsorship Committee Chair

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