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Assesment of the Ph.D. research by Reza Syahputra, M.Sc. at the Institute of Geology and Paleontology

Reza Syahputra started working on his Ph.D. thesis under my supervision in 2018. At the very beginning, the candidate had to face several difficulties: first, problems and delay with his visa application; second, learning a lot of new topics and methods, which were outside his previous education and expertise mostly in exploration geophysics and sedimentary geology; third, logistical problems with carrying out field work in a foreign country. The candidate, actually starting here almost from zero, get over these initial difficulties successfully and soon after started to work on his project at a full speed.

I am glad to say that during the course of his Ph.D. research, the candidate reached the highest level of research work both in the field, laboratory, and during processing and interpretation the measured data. I highly appreciate his enduring enthusiasm for geology, very hard work, precision, and reliability. It should also be noted that the candidate became a very valuable and favourite member of our team. His talent and hard work then finally resulted in the main outcomes of his research being published in high-level international journals. He also successfully presented the working at international meetings and was awarded the prize for the best poster at the International Association of Sedimentologists (IAS) meeting in 2021.

In conclusion, I find that the Ph.D. thesis by Reza Syahputra meets international standards and the criteria of Charles University, and I have no objection to its approval by the committee. Last but not least, I would like to say that it was a great pleasure and honour for me to collaborate with the candidate on his research project.

Prof. Jiří Žák

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