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Reference letter for a PhD candidate: Msc. Stephen Collett,

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S. Collett came from Geology department at University of Leicester, where he finished his MSc. thesis on metamorphic rocks of the Kabul Block. His thesis was related to geochemistry rather than Petrology and phase relations among minerals. But coming to Prague he has learned very fast, how to evaluate mineral microstructures and do thermodynamic modelling. He is well motivated, hardworking, and independent. Naturally, he needed advice and guidance, but at the level of ideas, directions, priorities. It was very pleasant for me to see that once goals were set, one did not have to worry about Stephen's progress. After the first paper was accepted for publication, Stephen was getting more and more independent, setting his own research goals. Submitting PhD thesis in less than four years is not a simple task in Geology. The quality of his results is demonstrated by the fact that two of his papers as first author were published in Mineralogy and Petrology and Journal of Asian Earth Sciences. He is second author in two other papers, published in Lithos and Gondwana Research, and as third author in Lithos. All these publications were completed during the three and half year period. I usually appreciated responsible approach to the problem and that he was always accessible when it was needed. In conclusion, I recommend S. Collett's thesis be accepted for defence.

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