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Prof. Shimon Y. Nof

The Israeli Council for Higher Education

Re: The Ariel University Center of Samaria Implementation of the Recommendation Made by the March 2011 External Evaluation Committee of Industrial Engineering and Management (IEM) Programs in Israel

Dear Prof. Nof

On behalf of the Department of Industrial Engineering and Management, I wish to thank you for your detailed report from May 13, 2013. We believe that the continuous involvement of the External Evaluation Committee is beneficial and assists the department in the processes it is going through.

You clearly identified the challenges and achievement of the department, and although we continuously work according to the guidelines provided by the initial report of the External Evaluation Committee, the updated reports (such as the recent one) help us to concentrate our efforts in the right direction.

Particular efforts are made in order to improve the balance between students and faculty members, as we believe that this is the key for further improvements. This is certainly a challenge, mainly due to the increase in student enrollment to the Industrial Engineering and Management program. However, the department has now 10 faculty members with 100% employment within the department, and three more are expected to join within the coming academic year (2013/14). Adding these new faculty members has allowed us to reduce the number of core courses given by adjunct lecturers to minimal. We are also in the process of recruiting additional faculty members, most of them in the core disciplines of Industrial Engineering and Management.

Again, we wish to thank you and the other committee members for your continuous efforts and involvement in the evaluation process of our department.

Sincerely



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