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Mr. Sergei Levteev
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Dear Mr. Levteev,

I would like to thank you for the assistance that IBA rendered to the student team of the Faculty of Applied Mathematics and Informatics of the Belarusian State University (BSU) in the World Finals of the International Collegiate Programming Contest. The BSU team turned in quite a good performance, proving a high level of programmer training in Belarus.

The World Finals were held in Tokyo, Japan, from March 12 to March 16, 2007. It was already the 31st Annual International Collegiate Programming Contest under the auspices of the Association of Computing Machinery. Of the **6,099** teams that represented **1,756 universities from 82 countries**, **88** teams qualified for the World Finals, the BSU team being among them.

BSU teams have been taking part in these prestige competitions since 1999. According to the rules, none of the participants can enter the World Finals more than twice. Victoria Lebed, Ivan Metelsky and Maxim Osipov, the gold medalists of the year 2004, continue their studies in BSU. Many of their finalist predecessors have already graduated and work successfully in the chosen specialty.

This year competition was the first ACM Contest for the young BSU team that consisted of the first-year student Nikita Lesnikov, the second-year student Vladimir Kerus and the third-year student Pavel Irzhavsky from the Faculty of Applied Mathematics and Informatics. In September 2006, the team received diplomas of the third degree in the ACM 1/8 finals that were held in parallel with an open programming competition of BSU. In early November 2006, the team won the quarterfinals that were held among 49 teams of Belarus, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, and Kaliningrad (Western Region). In late

November 2006, it took the ninth place among 196 teams of higher educational institutions representing the countries of the former USSR and thus qualified for the World Finals.

In the World Finals of the International Collegiate Programming Contest that gathered 88 teams from all over the world, our team showed good results. With four tasks solved, it entered the group of qualified teams, scoring the same or outscoring teams of such world famous universities as Stanford University, KTH (Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden), the University of Tokyo, and Harvard University.

Let me express again my profound gratitude to you personally and to all employees of your company for cooperating with us.

Sincerely,
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