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WILDLIFE FILM PRODUCER

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Ref: Graham Horder. Director/ Cameraman.

To Whom It May Concern:

Graham Horder has been working with me, at intervals over the last year, on a BBC Natural World film set in Portugal, on the subject of the Cork Oak Montados. As the story of the programme is about the rich diversity of the region's wildlife and the ways in which the local people make their living from the cork bark harvest, Graham has had to photograph a wide variety of subject matter. His cinematography has, therefore, featured classic long-lens wildlife sequences, macro insect work, interviews and actuality scenes with farmers, scientists and cork forest workers, lit set work and interior cork factory scenes, including jib arm and cherry-picker shots. All this material has been gathered on a mixture of super 16mm film, HD Panasonic Varicam and a small amount of DV Cam but Graham seems equally confident technically, using any of these formats.

The results of Graham's camerawork for this project are really excellent, with some lovely images throughout the range of subject matter. Furthermore, maybe because he is also a professional picture editor, there is always a nice range of shots to make the sequences work in the cutting room.

Myself and Assistant Producer, Paul Morrison, haven't been able to attend all the shoots personally, so Graham has often had to work by himself or with only local guides to help. However, being an experienced Director/Cameraman, he is extremely self-sufficient and filmed a number of very good sequences whilst left entirely to his own devices. Throughout last year I have been most impressed by the way Graham sticks to the tasks in hand (hours spent in cramped hides, for instance!) and his calm, professional approach to filming generally.

However, Graham is not merely a top-notch cameraman but also an extremely pleasant, practical, humorous and agreeable man to work with and I would, therefore, highly recommend him to any future colleague who is also thinking of employing his services.

Mike Salisbury. Producer Natural World "Cork" for BBC 2.