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## 1 (one) PhD Scholarship Recipient Selection Minute

### Preamble

The selection of a research fellowship position refers to the call for one (1) position for a PhD student in Mechanical Engineering within the framework of the project PTDC/EME-EME/6442/2020 – SmartEcoStruct, funded by FCT/MCTES, which ran from 1<sup>st</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> August 2023 with reference RH 6442 UPAL 56.2/2022.

In accordance with FCT regulations for the allocation of Research Grants, the announcement was posted in the usual places: INEGI and Euraxess and other educational institutions. A jury was also formed, composed of the following doctorates: Dr. Lucas Filipe Martins da Silva (President), Dr. Eduardo André de Sousa Marques (Vowel), Dr. Ricardo João Camilo Carbas (Vowel).

### Minute of the meeting of September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The Principal Investigator of the project presented the curricula of the candidates to the scholarship, namely:

- Emad Izadi Vasafi
- Vasco Couto Mendonça Barbosa Rodrigues
- Waqas Nazir

The candidates were evaluated based on the aspects presented in point 4 of the announcement: the academic qualifications and their suitability for the proposed work were analysed.

Considering the selection criteria and the documents presented, the jury considered that the candidate Waqas Nazir does not meet the necessary requirements, as he did not provide evidence of work made in the field of adhesive joining, as required in point 4 of this international call.

The candidates Emad Izadi Vasaf and Vasco Couto Mendonça Barbosa Rodrigues have demonstrated experience in the field of adhesive joining. This background is crucial for the successful development of this project. Due to this, these candidates were selected for interviews, which took place on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September 2023.

Based on the curricular evaluation and interview, the jury decided the following classification (0-100), corresponding to the weighted arithmetic mean of each member's marks.

- Emad Izadi Vasaf (80/100)
- Vasco Couto Mendonça Barbosa Rodrigues (90/100)

In conclusion, in the opinion of the jury and with nothing to object, the candidate Vasco Couto Mendonça Barbosa Rodrigues was found to be the most suitable and unanimously selected.

Porto, September 8<sup>th</sup> 2023