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To whom it may concern,

Appreciation of MUFITS simulator development by Dr. Afanasyev

I am writing to confirm that Dr. Andrey Afanasyev is providing an important contribution to our scientific research activities at the GFZ German Research Centre for Geosciences by his outstanding achievements in the development of the scientific numerical simulator MUFITS. Meanwhile, this simulator has become an integral part of our coupled numerical simulation framework, since it provides an excellent alternative to existing scientific as well as commercial software packages commonly applied in the research field of reservoir engineering and hydrogeology. In this context, Dr. Afanasyev's achievements have already initiated a cooperation between the Moscow State University and the GFZ, including the elaboration of joint scientific publications in high-ranked international journals. A continuation on the development of this excellent simulation tool is highly appreciated.

Yours Sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Michael Kühn