



DATE: 26 JULY 2024

To Whom It May Concern

I am writing this letter in support of Surisa Surisa's application for the Global Talent (Exceptional Talent) visa.

I am the co-owner of DO Productions, a Film and Television production company based in South Africa where we have been operational for 30 years. As a producer I have travelled and worked abroad in Norway, Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland. One of these International productions, a Norwegian Television series was awarded an Emmy in 2021. As a result, I have encountered many talented individuals who are passionate about their craft and one such person I have had the pleasure of working with in South Africa is Surisa Surisa who aspires to work internationally and create a broader experience as she seeks to gain more exposure on quality projects originating from the UK.

Although we only worked together for the first-time last year, I have known of Surisa and her reputation as a talented and dedicated individual for some time. Surisa has an impeccable track record. "Gandhi" required a particularly skilled Art Director who had a deep knowledge of the period and understood the brief and budget. Surisa's research and sourcing was proven in her choice of set decoration and prop items that were secured from around the country and shipped abroad for the shoot in India and the UK.

Once Surisa committed to the project she set about engaging herself in every aspect of the "world" she was hired to fulfill. Her passion and commitment for what she does was clear with a drive to deliver in every way.

I am very pleased to write this recommendation. For all the reasons listed above, I believe Surisa Surisa would be a great addition to the Film industry in the UK.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marlow de Mardt', written in a cursive style.

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