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To Whom It May Concern

I was the Production Designer on The Mauritanian, starring Tahar Rahim, Jodi Foster and Benedict Cumberbatch, directed by Oscar-winning director Kevin Macdonald. The film was a great success and received five BAFTA nominations including:

- Best Film
- Best Screenplay (adapted)
- Outstanding British Film of the Year
- Best Cinematography
- Best Leading Actor

As the head of the Art Department, my job is to ensure that every set on every location, every prop and all the costumes synthesize and tell a cohesive visual story to the audience.

The film was shot entirely in and around Cape Town with a reduced shoot in Mauritania. Surisa was the Prop master on the film and as such was in charge of all action props and graphics on the film in both territories liaising directly with me, the director, DOP, and principal cast.

This is a crucial role on a film of this kind and quality and Surisa made a significant contribution to the film's success and I can therefore confirm that Surisa had a direct and significant role in the nominations received. The Mauritanian received international critical acclaim and awards attention and the success of the film was instrumental in changing the circumstances of its subject Mohamedou Ould Slahi.

I would be happy to recommend Surisa for any role of this kind and feel free to contact me if you require anything further.

Best

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