

## **Results of RH ToughJoint UPAL 57.2/2022 (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/2728/2021 – ToughJoint, funded by FCT/MCTES, which ran from September 20<sup>th</sup> to October 03<sup>rd</sup> 2023 with reference RH ToughJoint UPAL 57.2/2022.

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. Ricardo João Camilo Carbas (President), Dr. Eduardo André de Sousa Marques (Vowel), Dr. Lucas Filipe Martins da Silva (Vowel).

### **Minute of the meeting of October 06<sup>th</sup> 2023**

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

- Emad Izadi Vasafi
- Maria José Pires Ribas
- Mohammad Pasandidehpoor
- Omid Hassanshahi

The candidate was evaluated based on the aspects presented in point 5 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 Omid Hassanshahi does not have a Master in Mechanical Engineering. He does not meet the necessary requirements, he does not have scientific work done in the field of adhesive joining and has not demonstrated solid knowledge in the characterization of polymeric materials as required in point 5 of this international call.

The candidates Emad Izadi Vasafi, Maria José Pires Ribas and Mohammad Pasandidehpoor have a Master in Mechanical Engineering. They have scientific work done in adhesive or in composite laminates. This background is crucial for the successful development of this project. Due to this, these candidates were selected for an interview, which took place on the 06<sup>th</sup> of October 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 Vasafi (60/100)
- Maria José Pires Ribas (90/100)
- Mohammad Pasandidehpoor (70/100)

In conclusion, in the opinion of the jury and with nothing to object, the candidate Maria José Pires Ribas was found to be the most suitable and unanimously selected.