Scientific Report

I, Professor Gheorghița Dincă, PhD, in my capacity as doctoral supervisor in the field of Finance at the Interdisciplinary Doctoral School of Transilvania University of Brașov, hereby submit the following assessment of the doctoral thesis under my supervision, entitled "Innovation in Smes: Productivity and technological innovation in small and medium-sized latin american enterprises. Empirical analysis and proposal for a model applicable to the regional context", prepared by doctoral candidate:

- The doctoral thesis is organized and structured in accordance with recognized scientific and academic standards. It comprises all the components characteristic of a research study: a table of contents, an introduction, a review of the current state of knowledge throughout the thesis, five substantive chapters, original contributions, final conclusions, recommendations, research limitations, directions for future research, a bibliography, and appendices.
- The topic is timely and is situated within the specific socioeconomic context of Latin American countries.
- Each chapter follows a structure typical of scientific research, including an introduction; a review of the relevant literature that traces the development of ideas concerning the subject under investigation; clearly defined research methods; empirical results; discussion; and a concluding section presenting the study's limitations and directions for future research.
- Throughout the thesis, a varied set of scientific tools, appropriate to each aspect under investigation, has been employed. The extensive statistical material is drawn from authoritative international sources, lending rigor and credibility to the analyses of the phenomena and processes studied. The thesis is distinguished by its use of a wide range of quantitative and qualitative research methods to describe and measure phenomena specific to small and medium-sized latin american enterprises.
- The research is grounded in an extensive bibliography, including works by Romanian and international authors, as well as publications by national and international organizations and institutions.

In light of the foregoing, I consider that the doctoral thesis entitled "Innovation in Smes: Productivity and technological innovation in small and medium-sized latin american enterprises. Empirical analysis and proposal for a model applicable to the regional context", prepared under the supervision of the undersigned, Professor Gheorghița DINCĂ, PhD (habil.), meets the applicable legal requirements, and that all conditions have been fulfilled for doctoral candidate FONSECA HERNANDEZ DAIMI to proceed to the public defence of the doctoral thesis.

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