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Dear Tiina,

dear supporters of the project

“Partner Country Finland at the CHIO Aachen”,

about 1,5 years ago Finland and CHIO Aachen started negotiations regarding the possibility of Finland to become partner country of the CHIO Aachen 2017. Since then we have worked closely together with Tiina Ahlqvist and her team to set up a concept for the partnership.

The partner country concept involves various issues, e.g. horse presentations, music and culture as well as an exhibition area from the respective country. One of the most important issues is the Opening Ceremony of the CHIO Aachen. The partner country is the main theme of the 90-minute ceremony which is broadcasted live on television.

We have met several times and worked intensively on a possible concept for the Opening Ceremony. The live broadcast on television poses many challenges for the Opening Ceremony and unfortunately the proposed content was not approved by our television director. Finland does not have many typical horse displays or existing performances and we need many, many horses and actors as the stadium is very huge. Delivering the Opening Ceremony also requires commitment and financial support from companies and other affiliates in co-operation with the partner country and at this time the important financial support from the government of Finland could not be obtained.

A letter of understanding about the general intention of Finland becoming partner country of the CHIO Aachen 2017 was signed by both parties.

This letter ended at the date of the CHIO Aachen 2016 (July 17th) with the intention to have a contract signed by that date. As until now we could not agree on a concept and it will not be possible to have Finland as partner country of the CHIO Aachen 2017.



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There is still the possibility of negotiations for Finland becoming the partner country of the CHIO Aachen 2018.

We want to sincerely thank Tiina and her team for the great commitment and trustful co-operation in the past 1,5 years and kindly ask for your understanding for our decision.

With kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'F' followed by a series of horizontal strokes and a final flourish.

Frank Kemperman

Director of the Board

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