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Dear Miljenko,

ANNUAL MEETING 2008 OPATIJA

I am writing on behalf of the delegates and partners who attended the 2008 Annual Meeting in Opatija to thank you and your colleagues for organising such an excellent meeting. The location, the hotel, the weather and the social programme were all first class and I am certain every one of us returned home with fond memories of Croatia and its people, who were unfailing polite, helpful and extremely welcoming.

Aside from yourself and Mira, who clearly invested a huge amount of your own time in overseeing every detail of the event, particular mention must go to Sandra, Sarah and their colleagues from Da Riva who handled the complexities of the transfer arrangements, the hotel bookings and tracing lost baggage with apparent ease, although I am sure there was much rushing about and frantic phone calls going on in the background! The hotel staff were also extremely attentive, helpful and very responsive to our myriad requirements.

From the perspective of Gitte and the partners, special thanks must go to the tour guides, particularly Nikola and Erika whose commentaries were spot on and their knowledge extensive and very well presented. The majority of us had not visited Croatia in the past and their evident love and enthusiasm for their country and its history – which came through clearly during the various tours – have doubtless left many of us wanting to learn more about your country and I am certain that many of us will do so in the coming years.

As Mario said during his speech at the Gala Dinner, Croatia has once again raised the standard by which our Annual Meetings are judged and our colleagues in South Africa will have to pull out all the stops in order to take the bar even higher next year.

I know it is your intention to take some well-earned leave in the coming weeks and wish you and Mira an enjoyable break.

So, until we meet again in Cape Town next year, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tony Dalhøj Paulsen', with a stylized, cursive script.

TONNY DALHØEJ PAULSEN
PRESIDENT