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Dear Marco

Dabelstein & Passehl's Shipping Marine Insurance Scholarship 2009

I am writing to express my sincere appreciation for having participated in your firm's two-week Shipping and Marine Insurance Scholarship programme in Hamburg in the period 21 September to 2 October 2009.

Being the second scholar from my firm having had the privilege of receiving your kind invitation to attend the seminar, my expectations were rather high prior to my arrival in Hamburg and they were fully met.

With such a comprehensive programme containing so many activities and interesting presentations made by ship owners, average adjusters, insurance brokers and many more, it would not be possible to emphasize each and every aspect of the extremely well organized and educational programme composed by your firm. Nevertheless, I would like to point out some of the major highlights I got to experience during my stay.

In this respect I first of all feel compelled to mention the one-day trip to Munich, where we paid a visit to re-insurer Swiss Re's beautiful headquarters. I am sure that I speak for all of the scholars attending the programme when I say that the hospitality and courtesy that we were met with was nothing less than impressive. Having had only limited experience in dealing with re-insurance matters so far, I found it interesting and educating to learn about their re-insurance business.

Another highlight I have to mention was the guided tour around Blohm & Voss Shipyard where we got to see the Abramovich's "ECLIPSE" super yacht. A prestige project so extravagant that you cannot help but to be impressed although it did not surpass the big impression from seeing the clear and sad impact that the financial crunch has had on the industry.

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As a Danish lawyer working with shipping and transport related disputes, I very often deal with matters regarding carriages shipped to or from German ports or terminals and which in various ways relate to German law issues. The lectures and presentations on various German law issues made by your colleagues from Dabelstein & Passehl were hence interesting and helpful to me.

And while being at the subject of you and your colleagues at Dabelstein & Passehl, I would like to address a special thanks. Needless to say that the professional and academic part of the programme was impeccable. But what has impressed me the most was the hospitality and kindness that my fellow scholars and I were met with from all of you. I dare not think of the time and energy invested by your firm in arranging the seminar, preparing lectures and taking scholars out for drinks and dinner at increasingly spectacular venues in Hamburg every night. If anyone asks what was the most memorable about my stay, I would bring out your generosity and kindness. Thank you so much.

Last but certainly not least, I would like to thank you for introducing me to the other scholars attending the programme. We had a wonderful time, and I am confident that we will keep in contact and hopefully get a chance to work together in the near future, just as I am sure I will with your firm.

It was a pleasure meeting you all. I had two fantastic weeks in Hamburg, which I will always look back on fondly. I am certain that I will always treasure the experience as having been beneficial, both professionally and personally.

Yours sincerely

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