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Dear Marco,

Re: Dabelstein & Passehl Shipping and Marine Insurance Scholarship 2011

It is by chance, that I came across the scholarship course which Dabelstein & Passehl run every year and in fact it was Siiri Duddington, a former scholar who has recently joined our firm, who kindly sent details about the scholarship to me. I am therefore, very glad that I found out about the course in time to apply for this year's intake for reasons which will become clear below.

I really did thoroughly enjoy the two weeks on the Da-Pa course and I was very grateful to be accepted as a scholar this year. I would like to draw out several of my experiences which are most memorable to me.

Hamburg is a great city and its port is equally so. The tour of the port both by road and water with Captain Jan Fuisting was very interesting and so was looking at the aftermath of the collision which took place the previous day in the port.

The in-house lectures presented by the Partners and associates of Da-Pa were interesting, engaging and certainly highlighted some of the key differences between German and English shipping law.

Another personal highlight was the field trip to Blohm & Voss and in particular the visit to floating dock 11 which is so synonymous on the skyline of Hamburg. It was very interesting to be shown round such a large shipyard by someone who has worked there for so long and to learn of his supervision of the dry docking of the QE2.

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The weekend in Munich was enjoyable and in particular the visit to the offices of Swiss Re; the presentation by Andreas Ristelhuber; and of course the fantastic lunch we were treated to. Other moments in Munich included drinking in the English Garden and listening to a Bavarian brass band, and not forgetting Dr. Maximilian Guth in his lederhosen.

The visit to the local civil court in Hamburg with Dr Sarah Wolf was fascinating and our guide, a current judge, was very knowledgeable and it was a great opportunity to be able to sit in on an examination and cross examination of a witness in a trial.

The Partners at Dabelstein & Passehl really were very generous and more than could be expected. Your generosity in taking the scholars out for meals in the evening and indeed our first rate accommodation provided in Oberstrasse meant that we could very quickly settle into our stay in Hamburg.

I would like to express my gratitude to you, Marco, for organising such a well-structured and interesting course and also to the rest of the Da-Pa team for making me feel so welcome during the course of my two weeks in Hamburg. I would also like to extend my thanks to my fellow scholars with whom I had so much fun.

I shall look back on my two weeks in Hamburg with great fondness and I very much want to return there soon. Hamburg really is an exceptional city.

It was great to catch up with both you and Isabel today in London and I am sure our paths will cross in the near future.

Until next time, auf wiedersehen.

Best regards,



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