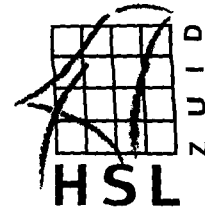


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Dear Madam,


We are pleased to announce to you that the government has decided to proceed with the public tender of the international high-speed train services using the Dutch High Speed Line (HSL).

The Dutch Railways (NS) were invited to bid for the domestic services, but decided to put forward an integrated plan for all services using HSL, plus the other major routes in The Netherlands. This proposal has not been accepted by the Government.

The Government has given NS a last chance to sign a contract for the domestic services on the condition that they will not participate in the public tender for the international services, other than as a junior partner in a consortium. If NS does not accept this before the end of this week, the domestic HSL-services will be publicly tendered as well.

We would like to discuss with you the decision of the Dutch government and the tender procedure as soon as possible. May we call you this week to agree on a suitable time and venue?

Kindest regards,

  
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