

Mr Roel Testroote Projectorganisatie HSL-Zuid P O Box 43 3500 AA UTRECHT Holland

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Dear Roel,

I refer to your telephone conversation with Mrs Olténg this morning.

Please confirm in writing that neither SNCB or SNCF will participate directly or indirectly in the tendering process for HSL-Zuid Transport Contracts.

Please also confirm that SNCF have expressed their intention to enter into a contract with the Dutch Government guaranteeing track access in France, a contract similar to the SNCB contract with the Dutch Government.

As to our request for extension of the qualification period it is of utmost importance that your decision is taken without delay.

Awaiting your reply, I remain

Yours truly,

Sunit Ray

Managing Director