



PRIME MINISTER OF SINT MAARTEN
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July 24th, 2013

The St. Maarten Carnival Development Foundation

Attention: Mr. Michael R. Granger

Dear Mr. Granger:

With regard to your letter dated May 7, 2013, which was received by my office on June 13, 2013, I hereby inform you as follows.

Your letter addressed three issues of concern for the SCDF; namely the Festival Village, future agreement with Telem Group of Companies and the matter of office Space.

With regard to future plans for the usage of the Festival village, I have been assured that the planning of future events will not impede the annual schedule of carnival or related preparations. In fact, as soon as these plans take definite shape, the "SOG" will convene a meeting with your foundation to update you accordingly.

Secondly, with regard to any new agreement with the Telem Group of Companies, discussions between mentioned company and "SOG" will focus on obtaining a better understanding about the investments made by mentioned company. Equally, I am cognizant of the wish for partnership with other corporate sponsors and their desire to promote their goods and services during

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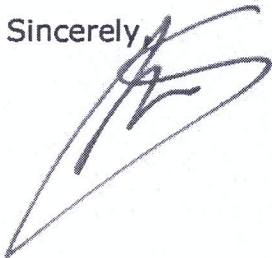
carnival season. I must however remind you that the Government of St. Maarten as co-signee to the current agreement has a legal responsibility that must be upheld to avoid any legal consequences. As such, it behooves all stakeholders to consider these issues as well in promotional or related activities. Finally, the "SOG" will ensure that all parties concerned are updated on the outcome of any (new) agreement.

The planning of Carnival is undeniably no small feat and requires regular dialogue with many local and international shareholders. Equally, there has been an increasing demand for the use of conference facilities at the Festival Village. It is my understanding that the "SOG" intends to further develop these amenities as a means to generate much needed income for its operations. Hence, to provide the requested space to SCDF as a permanent office space, will evidently defeat this initiative. I am certain that in further dialogue with the "SOG", feasible arrangements can be made to accommodate meetings of the SCDF.

Finally, I express the hope that the elucidations provided will further appease the concerns of the SCDF. I also express the hope that further and future dialogue with the "SOG" will be regularly established with the aim of fostering a better understanding of expectations on the part of all parties.

In closing, I wish to commend the SCDF for its relentless efforts and commitment to continuously position St. Maarten's carnival as the most rivaled event in the region.

Sincerely,

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