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**Mr. Leong Vai Tak**  
**Secretary for the Economy and Finance Affairs**  
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Dear Secretary Lionel Leong,

**JOCKEY CLUB – RENEWAL OF THE CONCESSION**

The Macau Press has published anews referring that the Government has renewed the concession of Companhia de Corridas de Cavalos de Macau, SARL (Jockey Club) which is financially broke and insolvent, according to its own accounts. We can not even understand how the Jockey Club can justified its application and the Government has accepted it with such poor financial capabilities!

Is this only a sign of enormous patriotism from the shareholders of Jockey Club with accumulated losses of 3.88 billion patacas in losses, negative net assets of 876 million patacas and accumulated debts of 1,041.9 million patacas?

Dear Secretary,

I apologise but this is really very strange if we analyse what was written in the press. They want to make improvements within two to three years time when the concession contract is only for two years? They want to have live TV broadcast in South Korea. Who will guarantee the Macau Government that there will be no illegal betting and tax evasion?

In what regards the animals, Jockey Club is a company that doesn't care at all about the welfare situation of its inactive animals living in the stables and the quality of all properties and equipments there (stables, cleanliness). Everything is dirty and rusty!

If you go inside that compound you will see exactly how brutally deteriorated some those buildings and surrounding areas are.

What is really being done there by the representative of the Macau Government that has seen his mandate recently renewed for one more year?

Recently the retired horse of Dr Stanley Ho, the champion "Viva Pataca", died there due to the living conditions of those animals in that compound. Easily they get stressed due to the heat as there is no air-con at all, the food is thrown to the floor, they sleep over old newspapers and they never go out for a walk during all the five to six months that they wait to be sent all together (is cheaper) to China!

How can the Government accept such poor living standards of those animals in Macau, SAR of China in this 21<sup>st</sup> century?

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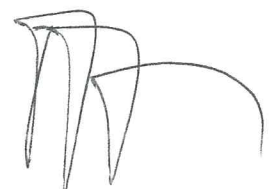
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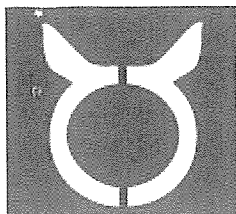
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We are a developed area of China! We are not a poor province of a poor African country!

As you have seen in our last letter, the share capital of 3 billion patacas was fully "eaten" by its losses. This company is totally insolvent and bankrupted as the net assets are negative and the assets (mop 165.9 million) can not pay its accumulated debts (MOP 1,041.9 million).

Besides that, by our Commercial Code (article 206), the Directors should dissolve it and if not should be fined or even subject to a prison sentence (article 485).

Jockey Club, just like the Canidrome, are public property lands that should revert to the community for redevelopment!

With such huge losses, a deteriorated financial accounts and very low concern regarding animal welfare, how can the Macau Government renew a concession that started in 1978?

As you may understand, as an animal welfare association we have no other way than to show to the macau Government that we are not happy with such decision and we will do the best we can to stop it!

Best Regards,

Albano Martins  
President  
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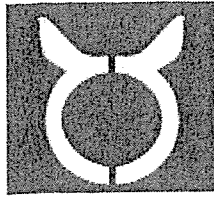
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Secretary for the Economy and Finance Affairs  
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Dear Secretary Lionel Leong,

## JOCKEY CLUB – PLEASE ORDER A VISIT INSIDE THE COMPOUND!

After an article published by SCMP in HK, we initiated an investigation. In Jockey Club compound we found a Hotel "Roosevelt" under construction. To be more precise we were told that the construction was illegal as the track has made a sub-concession to third parties and the Government ordered the stop of those works. Everybody in Macau comments that what the actual concessionaries real want is the land. They do not care at all about the animals, just like happens with the Canidrome, more or less the same people involved!

With a balance sheet totally in red (accumulated losses of 3.88 billion patacas, negative net assets of 876 million patacas and share capital totally consumed), and illegal acts like the above referred, the Macau Government should not renew such contract.

A quick visit to some stables and areas around showed an astonished degradation and lack of cleanness. All very dirty, inside and outside the compounds, and very deteriorated! It seems the history has stopped there one century ago!

In terms of animal welfare we saw that many animals even do not have any air-con. Many air-cons were removed as can be easily seen. Retired horses are confined to small spaces with no air-con at all and even no proper food. Our sources of information refer that the food of those animals is thrown down many times to the floor making their life more miserable! Those animals are kept in such cruel situation for many months until the track gets the proper number of animals to send them to China. The environment is so hot that they even have difficulty to breath! In the Jockey Club compounds, the animals sleep over pieces of newspapers making its rest even more miserable! As they have no air-con they use water thrown to the ceiling to refresh! New horses are confined also to stables with no air-con! We can see inside some stables ceilings going down and all around, including the fixed assets, is totally deteriorated and rusty! The walls were never painted, they are black of dirtiness!

Please do not renew such contract that expires in August. I strongly suggest the Government to make an inspection on some areas of the place, a very detailed and confidential inspection, especially on racing days! Why they want to run a business that looses billions?

As you know Anima is against this kind of sports using animals for profit, however if the decision of the Macau Government is still to keep the track, you should at least consider the changing of the company that explores the business. Their performance and the way they treat the animals are not from professionals!

Best Regards,

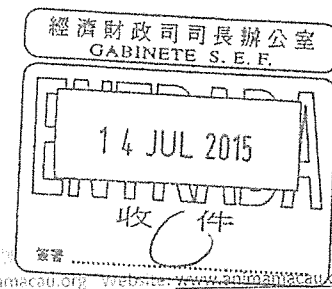
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