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Greyhounds

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Mr. Leong Vai Tak
Secretary for the Economy and Finance Affairs
Macau Government
Macau, SAR (China)

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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 loses 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,

Albano Martins
President

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