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Att. Mr. Jakob Willum Slot, Committee Secretary

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Dear Jakob Willum Slot,

We have taken the liberty to suggest that your office could assist in coordinating the suggest fact finding visit to Switzerland by The Transport and Building Committee party spokespersons. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact our representative in Denmark, Kim Lykkegaard. I understand that you have his contact details. We understand that the members have a tight schedule, but we are flexible with dates and an arrangement for the members that have time available to draw on our experience.

In order to ensure broader decision-making basis representatives from SWISSRAIL and Stadler Rail Management discussed a fact-finding visit to Switzerland with Mr. Christensen. The purpose of this communication is to offer a fact finding visit to Switzerland.

We will suggest a program where The Transport and Building Committee will meet members of:

- Federal Office of Transport (FOT) who is the supervisory authority responsible for public transport in Switzerland
- Federal Swiss Railways (SBB) responsible for the national rail network in Switzerland. SBB will share their experience relevant for the 'Frentidens Tog' project
- Stadler Rail Management who will share the views of a modern rail manufacture as well as show case a modern rail manufacturing facility in Bussnang, Switzerland.

Switzerland, with its recognized high-quality and extremely busy public transport system, is likewise the most challenging test area for vehicles and components. It masters varied topography and meteorological peculiarities. They prove themselves on the ground, in the earth and in the air by wind and any weather.

The SWISSRAIL Industry Association is an association in accordance with the Swiss Code of Obligations. It incorporates more than one hundred members from the Swiss rail industry. Stadler Rail Management is a Swiss manufacture of rolling stock which since its re-birth in 1989 with only 18 employees has grown to a company in 2016 with more than 7.000 employees with an un-broken delivery record of rolling stock worldwide as well as in Scandinavia to NSB, Mälåb (regional traffic in Stockholm) and to MTR (the open access operator in Sweden).

Our suggestion is to organize a meeting in week 39 or alternatively in week 43 or 45, but we are very open for alternative suggestions to visit date that fit The Committee.

We will aim at coordinating the proposed fact finding trip via the Mr. Jakob Willum Slot, but you are of course welcome to contact us directly as well as we will be contacting you to understand your interest.

Best regards.

SWISSRAIL Industry Association



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