

St. Maarten Medical Center Foundation

**By hand**

Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labor  
Mr. V.H.C. de Weever  
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Cay Hill, February 6, 2013

**Re.: Your request to reconsider position on Supervisory Council of SMMC**

Honorable Minister,

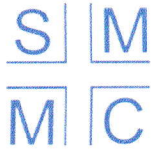
It is with great regret that we have taken notice of your letter dated January 26, 2013 in which you request all members of the supervisory council of the Sint Maarten Medical Center Foundation ("**SMMC**") to reconsider their position.

Firstly, we feel that the timing of your request is remarkable, to say the least. As you have been fully informed by us, there is currently no managing director active at SMMC. Consequently, in accordance with the articles of association of SMMC, the supervisory council currently represents and is responsible for SMMC.

You state that it is imperative that the quality of health care provided at SMMC is safeguarded – it is unclear how your request exactly fits into this picture.

Secondly, we do not agree with the incorrect statements made in your letter about the functioning of the supervisory council. Since you fail to substantiate any of the strong accusations made in your letter, we are not in a position to respond to this other than by stating that we disagree with the statements made. Please identify the matters which, in your opinion, constitute mismanagement and how the supervisory council in your opinion should have acted to avoid this.

Thirdly, in your letter you mention that the largest investors have questioned the validity of the composition of the supervisory council hampering the further development of the SMMC. Please clarify to which investors you refer to and how this would have hampered the further development of the SMMC in order for us to address this matter further.



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None of the supervisory council members feels that there is any reason to reconsider his position as each member has been and is continuously performing his duties in accordance with the articles of association of SMMC and any and all laws that apply to it. SMMC and its staff are continuously making all efforts to ensure that SMMC provides the best health care to its patients – we as a supervisory council are doing our utmost to ensure that this is done in the best possible manner and we hope that the Minister of Public Health will appreciate this and assist in this endeavor. You can always count on our cooperation.

Sincerely,

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E.R. Benjamin

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R.J. James

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