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An: wds-forum@t-online.de
Cc: 'Penny Roberts'
Betreff: RE: **Dolphinarium Gardaland Italy**

Dear Herr Ortmüller

I am pleased to confirm that **the dolphin show in Gardaland has already closed.**

We are in advanced discussions with the Genoa Aquarium to relocate the Gardaland family of 4 animals there later this year when their planned new facilities are completed; and where we will of course continue to monitor the dolphins progress and the care they receive on an ongoing basis.

Best Wishes

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Subject: Dolphinarium Gardaland Italy

Dear Mrs. Roberts,
Dear Mrs. Wilkinson,

Perhaps you remember that we have had some e-mails and calls in the year 2008 about the dolphinarium in Heide Park Soltau and Gardaland (e-mail below). **We talked about closing both dolphinarium, because, as you wrote too, dolphins don't belongs in captivity.** Now we get the message from media, that you like to close also the dolphinarium in Gardaland, as we asked in 2008. When do you close dolphinarium in Gardaland? Where the dolphins are transported? We are very pleased with your decision and we promise that we will do for your amusement park without dolphins best advertising, if you agree. Perhaps you know, we work together with Richard O'Barry (Florida/USA) and our homepage has more than 5.000 clicks per month and many people (also on facebook) would be happy if Gardaland dolphinarium will close. If you like, please send us your statement about closing the dolphinarium we could publish on our homepage. If you like to talk with me, you can use my mobile No:: 0049-151 24030 952.

For a quick answer, we would be very grateful.

With kind regards
Jürgen Ortmüller
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Dear Herr Ortmueller

Please find below a statement regarding the dolphins. I must apologise that it is in English, but I wanted to get it to you as fast as possible, and there was no time to translate it for you.

Merlin Entertainments is renowned as one of the world's most knowledgeable and ethical operators of marine attractions. The company operates the largest aquarium brand in the world - SEA LIFE, welcoming more than 6m visitors a year through its 28 aquarium and Marine Sanctuary attractions. Indeed it is to SEA LIFE that other organisations often turn when they are looking for support in the rescue and rehabilitation of seals, turtles and other marine life.

The company has very clear policies relating to which species it believes can prosper in captivity, and with regard to the welfare of the all the creatures in its care. **Merlin fundamentally opposes the keeping of dolphins in captivity** and consequently began looking for a new home for the Heide Park dolphins as soon as its acquisition of the Park was completed.

Merlin's biological team has been working hard to secure the best possible future for these remarkable animals. Simply releasing them into the wild is not an option as they were born in captivity and would not survive. After examining all the options it was concluded that the most suitable course in the short term was to for the Heide-Park dolphins to go on loan to Nürnberg zoo, which has excellent facilities and full and comprehensive care programmes for these animals, and where they can also mix with other dolphins again.

Nurnberg Zoo will provide an ideal temporary home while Merlin continues its investigations to determine the best long-term plan.

The dolphin presentation at the Heide-Park will close with the end of the season in November and the animals will be moved to Nürnberg as soon as possible.

Merlin Entertainments Group, the leading name in location based, family entertainment, which has seen the most successful and dynamic growth of any company in the sector over the last five years. The world's second largest visitor attraction operator, Merlin aims to deliver memorable and rewarding experiences to its 30 million visitors worldwide, through its iconic global and local brands, and the commitment and passion of its managers and 13500 employees

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I look forward to receiving a copy of your own statement, as discussed.

Thank you

With kind regards

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Dear Mrs. Roberts,

now I have found your e-mail-adress. Thanks for calling with you. We, as WDSF, need the answer to the question what is about the dolphins in Soltau and Gardaland after closing the show as ME reported in Mai this year.

- Do you shut down the dolphin-areas at once after November, 2, 2008 only for public or do you shut it definitive?
- Which is the date for definitive shut down the dolphin area?
- What's about the dolphins – where do they are going after closing and what is the specific date for this?

Last Monday it was told to me about a press release about this questions till last Thursday by Merlin Entertainments GB – but nothing happened.

We hope you'll understand that we cannot wait longer for our own press release, because on Sunday the Heide-Park Soltau will be closed for this season. We will give out our press release on 2 p.m. today and we will input there the death of the dolphin in April by put to

sleep the Dolphin "Fritz" and, I hope for your understanding, that we will report, that we get no press release by ME and we know nothing of the whereabouts of the dolphins. But I hope we get an information till 1:30 p.m. from you. If the whereabouts of the dolphins are o.k. we will not report about the put to sleep of the dolphin "Fritz" for public. But as an organization for protect dolphins and whales we have to report about this public theme.

I am looking for your answer.

Best
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