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منظمة مدن التراث العالمي

Quebec City, January 28, 2014

Mr. C. Jonges  
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Dear Sir,

As we begin a new period at the Organization of World Heritage Cities (OWHC) with a new President and Board of Directors, I would like to take this opportunity to express our great appreciation for the constant dedication, steadfast leadership and invaluable contribution of Harry Brinkman to the advancement of our Organization as a member of the Board of Directors and President.

Having completed the maximum three mandates allowed by our by-laws, Harry Brinkman could not run for another term. One of the longest serving Presidents, he was present at all of the meetings of the Board of Directors during his term. He always requested an in-depth briefing of the issues to be discussed in order to be well-informed as the presiding officer at our meetings.

By virtue of his engaging personality, Harry Brinkman enjoyed excellent relationships with his colleagues from World Heritage cities throughout the globe in their endeavor to find better ways to preserve, protect and manage cultural heritage. In addition, his acute sense of what is right and fair proved very helpful in resolving differences of opinion among our members.

The City of Beemster may be very proud of its Mayor in the manner in which he conducted himself as President of the OWHC. Harry Brinkman was an excellent representative of the OWHC and of Beemster who will be remembered as one of the best Presidents of our Organization.

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