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To whom it may concern

I am delighted to confirm that Mr Lodie De Jager is a longstanding volunteer with Operation Smile South Africa (OSSA). Mr De Jager has during one of his previous bike adventures, raised awareness and funds for Operation Smile South Africa.

Operation Smile is a non-profit, volunteer medical services organisation that provides free reconstructive surgery to children and adults born with facial deformities, more specifically with cleft lips and/or cleft palates. Our mission is: **that no child in any community should have to live with the pain and isolation caused by a correctable facial deformity.** Since 1982, Operation Smile has provided over 200 000 life-changing surgeries to children and adults, and currently works in more than 60 countries across the globe.

Operation Smile South Africa, founded in 2006, is a regional hub for Southern and Central Africa, and conducts medical missions as well as education programs in South Africa, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Madagascar, Namibia, Madagascar, Rwanda and Swaziland. To date OSSA has provided free, life-changing surgery to over 2 000 children and adults in Southern and Central Africa.

Mr De Jager intends to raise funds and help create awareness for Operation Smile and those born with cleft lips and/or cleft palates during his Naboom2Siberia motorbike ride. We greatly value his support through raising funds and awareness during his motorbike adventure.

On behalf of Operation Smile, we would like to thank you for giving Mr De Jager and Operation Smile South Africa your support and helping us change lives one smile at a time.

Yours sincerely,

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