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Ramat Gan, January 20,

To the presidents of all WFDB affiliated bourses.

Dear Colleagues,

The past two weeks, we all have witnessed the horrific devastation that has struck South and South East Asia. But we also have taken note of the heart-warming concern and action from governments and their people, from all over the world, to come to the victims' aid. Now, the moment has come for us to do our part.

The Singapore Diamond Exchange (DES), headed by Suresh Hatiramani, has established the WFDB Relief Fund, to aid the victims of earthquake and the ensuing tsunamis that struck large parts of the northern Indian Ocean basin on December 26, 2004.

Hatiramani said that they were motivated to do so, realizing that Singapore had been blessed in having been spared the fury of the sea and that this has made the diamond business community all the more aware of the destruction caused [by the tsunami]. "Many of us in Singapore are moved to doing something to help our neighbors, something that will make a difference, some way of expressing solidarity with our fellow human beings," the DES president wrote to me in a letter.

In his letter, Hatiramani emphasized that the diamond industry is able and should do its part to help financially. DES therefore decided to set up a humanitarian fund, contributing an initial sum of US\$ 10,000 to get the fund started.

Therefore, it is my privilege to join Suresh Hatiramani in his call upon all presidents of the WFDB affiliated bourses to help raise funds for this cause. DES will ensure that the contributions received will be channeled only to one of the reputable, international relief agencies that is currently supporting the relief programs in the disaster areas.

DES has set up a special bank account that will be properly managed and audited—at no charge—by a Singapore-based public accountant. All donations from this fund will be made in the name of the WFDB.

On a personal note, I would like to commend Suresh Hatiramani and his board for their initiative and again emphasize that the WFDB fully underwrites their efforts. This is our opportunity to show that the diamond's message of love and caring is understood by all our members.

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The details of the account created are as follows:

Diamond of Singapore Exchange - WFDB Relief Fund

DBS Bank, Liat Towers Branch, Singapore,

US\$ Account No. 0065-002761-01-2

(DBS is a correspondent of the Bank of New York, 48 Wall Street, NY 10286)

For more details or information, please send an e-mail to DES@worldfed.com

With very best regards,

Shmuel Schnitzer, WFDB President

Following agencies are currently involved in the relief efforts:

- Red Cross - www.redcross.org
- OXFAM, 274 Banbury Road, Oxford. UK OX27DZ
Tel: +44-870-333-2500, www.oxfam.org.uk
- CARE, www.care.org
- UNICEF, Tel. +1-212-326-7000, www.unicef.org
- OCHA - United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
<http://ochaonline.un.org/>
- WHO (World Health Organization), www.who.int/en/
- UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner For Refugees)
Tel +41-22-739-8111; www.unhcr.ch
- MEDAIR (International Humanitarian Aid Organization) Medair Headquarters
Chemin du Croset 9, CH-1024 Ecublens. Switzerland, tel. +41-21-694-3535
www.medair.org
- Doctors Without Borders/ Medecins Sans Frontieres
www.doctorswithoutborders.org; www.msf.org