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Mr Guo Guangchang, Chairman

Mr Wang Kunbin, Chief Executive Officer

FOSUN

Dear Mr Guo Guangchang,

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Your subsidiary company, the Club Med, is developing in France new villages.

At Tignes, in Savoie (France), it is a complex of 1OOO beds, on 40 000 sq ft, that is going to be undertaken. The development site is being acquired from the township. The investment rises to 100 000 000 euros.

We have been trying, for the past 6 weeks, to bring the attention of the General management of Club Med (Mr. Giscard d’Estaing and Mr. Calvet) on the lack of knowledge about the real risk of avalanches in the area where the village is supposed to be built.

Actually, the zoning of the land approved for development in every mountainous village in France has to be revised.

Since september 2015, through a « state instruction », new rules have been defined in reference to exceptional avalanches (ie. that haven’t occured since over 100 years). This is to be conform to the rules (300 years) practiced for decades in all mountainous countries of Europe.

The prefect of Savoie, who represents the French state, has not had the necessary maps been reviewed for the zoning of Tignes, according to the law. Yet, Tignes is the 3rd most dangerous commune in France as far as urban avalanches are concerned.

The cartography of the chosen site will obviously be posted one day, but probably too late in order to have an influence on the security and the right cost of this project.

The General Management is aware of this situation. For them, to accept it means

* to knowingly hide the problem towards you and the organizations that will finance the village
* to risk to endanger the lives of the future users (personnels, clients…)

Not seeing any real concern on this matter from the General management of Club Med, we decided to share this information with you.

**Why are we doing it ?**

Because the 3 founders of our association lost each a child in the avalanche of Chamonix that destroyed 17 chalets in 1999. They discovered, during the trial that followed, the erroneous mapping at the origin of this catastrophy… and they wished to avoid that this happens again to others (12 died in Chamonix in 1999, 39 died in Val d’Isère in 1970 in a holiday centre for young people)

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Because we consider that the life of human beings is more valuable that a profit and loss account. Besides it is absolutely unacceptable that a company like Club Med might consider to expose its personnel and clients to such a risk.

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Because we are sure that Fosun, like the future investors in this village, would not appreciate finding out, afterwards, about this big weakness in the study ot the file and its possible consequences, human and financial.

We are not asking you to cancel such a project but we want to ensure that this project will be analysed seriously and completely with the respect of security of the future clients, which will be in the best interest of all, including in financial terms, through the French state approval at the right level.

We are at your disposal to clarify this situation in the best delays and we do not doubt that you will do it in the best interest of all

Sincerely yours

Post scriptum : included : - the three letters adressed to M. Giscard d’Estaing (in french) - the link to the internet site of AIRAP (in french)

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