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Whaling on the Faroe Islands

Dear Prime Minister Johannesen,

My name is Karl J. Pojer and I am the CEO of Hapag-Lloyd Cruises. Hapag-Lloyd Cruises, one of Germany's foremost providers of luxury and expedition cruises, offers four ships with their own unique character, hundreds of destinations, on-board and land programs, attractive travel combinations, short trips and long passages for travel enthusiasts.

Nothing could be more amazing than discovering planet Earth and its beauty on a cruise. In order to preserve this beauty for a long time to come, Hapag-Lloyd Cruises has attributed top priority to the protection of the environment. Because exploring new shores also means assuming responsibility. Many of our guests are inspired to get involved with the preservation of the unique wilderness after being on board our ships. Passengers become ambassadors for environment and animal protection.

That is why we like to present the beautiful nature of the Faroe Islands to our guests while on a cruise on one of our ships. As you might know we have calls of port in Mykines and Torshavn this year and next year. However, the whaling at the Faroe Islands causes our concern. Hapag-Lloyd Cruises campaigns for a respectful contact with flora, fauna and the ecological system ocean with all its animals. We have the goal to preserve these sensitive ecosystems in its nativeness. We protect what fascinates us – that is why our company and our guests have a strong wish to stop the whaling on the Faroe Islands and to create a dialogue with you.

We believe that the Faroe Islands, Hapag-Lloyd Cruises, and our guests have the same ambition – to experience and protect the special beauty of the nature of the Faroe Islands.

Yours sincerely,

Hapag-Lloyd Cruises

Karl J. Pojer CEO