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Dear Mr McGeehan & Mr Lynch

Firstly, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you both for your patience in awaiting a formal reply to us in relation to your correspondence dated November 20, 2019.

While I am aware that Mr McGeehan has had informal contact with us in the meantime, we wanted to take the time to perform the necessary due diligence required in order for us to provide you with a full and proper response.

I would also like to underline my gratitude for your willingness to engage with us ahead of the FIFA Club World Cup and also for the lengths to which you have gone to share your knowledge and experience of Qatar with us. On both counts we are hugely appreciative and I would hope that you feel your efforts have been worthwhile given some of the measures we have taken as a result.

As a football club, we take our responsibilities very seriously and as such we have undertaken a significant body of work, focused primarily on research and engagement, since qualifying for the Club World Cup. Our objectives in this respect were two-fold: to gain greater understanding of Qatar, a country which we will be visiting for the first time, and to put ourselves in the best possible position to provide our supporters with as much relevant and accurate information as they require.

In keeping with this process, we have taken it upon ourselves to raise a number of concerns with the Supreme Committee in Qatar and to seek assurances where necessary. To their credit, the Supreme Committee has been willing to engage with us on such matters and has also demonstrated their commitment to work with supporters groups, including Spirit Of Shankly, KOP Outs and others, who have raised concerns of their own, many of which have coincided with those expressed by ourselves.

As a direct result of such an approach, I can confirm that we have sought background detail assurances from the Supreme Committee in relation to the death of Mr Rupchandra Rumba which was highlighted in your letter. While it would not be appropriate for us to breach the confidentiality of any private correspondence relating to the death of an individual, we are in a position to confirm that we have been provided with further information pertaining to subsequent investigations and resultant compensation arrangements.

The Supreme Committee have confirmed that Mr Rumba was employed by Maskey Contracting who were employed by a first tier contractor. Maskey Contracting was mobilised on site without the necessary approvals of the Supreme Committee and we understand that swift action has been taken to address this.



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In addition you will be aware that FIFA announced a change to the stadium where we will play in Qatar from Education City to Khalifa. We have also had dialogue with the Supreme Committee about Mr Zac Cox and understand the ongoing independent investigation by Sir Robert Akenhead is fully supported by the Supreme Committee.

Like any responsible organisation, we support your assertion that any and all unexplained deaths should be investigated thoroughly and that bereaved families should receive the justice they deserve. Furthermore, we also believe that employees should be treated with fairness and respect, which is why we adhere to our own anti-slavery policy (details of which can be found via the following link: <https://www.liverpoolfc.com/corporate/anti-slavery>) and why we are committed to paying the real Living Wage, among various measures of this kind.

These are the standards that we set for ourselves and by which we would hope to be judged given they fall within our own remits and responsibilities.

Nevertheless, we remain a sporting organisation and it is important that we are not drawn into global issues on the basis of where our involvement in various competitions dictates that our fixtures take place. So while we respect and understand the reasons why you have sought a public pronouncement from us, we hope you will respect and understand why we feel such a course of action would not be appropriate.

Having already stated that while we do not visit any country with the objective of bringing about change but any resultant positive changes would be welcomed, I would like to take the opportunity to reiterate that particular message.

Should you require any further information from myself please do not hesitate to get in touch. As stated at the outset, your guidance and expertise has been of great assistance to us and I sincerely hope that you feel your engagement has been worthwhile.

Yours sincerely

Peter Moore  
Chief Executive Officer