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SKUPNOST SLOVENSКИH NARAVNIH ZDRAVILIŠČ
(ASSOCIATION OF SLOVENIAN NATURAL SPAS)

Mr. Iztok Altbauer, CEO
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SUBJECT MATTER: Honorary patronage of the ESPA Congress and the SPA-CE 2020 Tradeshow of Spa & Wellness of Central Europe

Dear Mr. Altbauer,

thank you for your letter of 3/9/2020, in which you notified us of the changed dates of two important international events to be held in Slovenia in May 2021.

First and foremost, we would like to congratulate you on the successful bid for hosting the 25. annual congress of the European Spas Association (ESPA). The corporate-professional event, the 12. Tradeshow of Spa & Wellness of Central Europe (SPA-CE), to be held simultaneously to the congress and provide additional value thereto, is also of extreme importance.

Both international professional events are of great significance for Slovenian tourism and the visibility of Slovenia as a globally recognised spa & wellness destination. In addition, they constitute a recognition of the Association of Slovenian Natural Spas and its members for its hitherto successful work and professional endeavours. We firmly believe that both events will be contributing to the continuous successful development of spa & wellness tourism in both Slovenia and Europe.

For these reasons, I am delighted to inform you that the **Ministry of Economic Development and Technology of the Republic of Slovenia has hereby decided to assume honorary patronage of both the 25. ESPA Annual Congress and the 12. SPA-CE 2021 Tradeshow of Spa & Wellness of Central Europe** to be held from 4 May to 7 May 2021.

We wish you a successful organisation of both events.

With kind regards,

Mr. Zdravko Počivalšek,
Minister
under the mandate of the
Minister No. 0204-7/2020/25 of 16 March 2020
Mr. Simon Zajc
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