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Dear Mr Dieterink,

I am writing to express WMO's appreciation for the support provided by the Association of Hydro-Meteorological Equipment Industry (HMEI) towards the successful outcome of the WMO Intercomparison of High Quality Radiosonde Systems held in Vacoas, Mauritius, from 1 to 27 February 2005.

I understand that the intercomparison went very smoothly, thanks also to the support provided, and hard work carried out under difficult climatic conditions by VAISALA Oyj, SIPPICAN Inc., MODEM, MEISEI Electric Co., GRAW Radiosondes GmbH and Meteolabor AG. The participating radiosondes, divided into two groups, were launched successively on 2000 g balloons at four launch times, 10h, 13h, 19h and 22h local time, thus giving little time for the companies' representatives to rest. Thanks to the excellent collaboration between the manufacturers and the WMO project team, the objectives of the intercomparison were met.

The project team is at present analyzing the results and preparing a report. The results of the intercomparisons are expected to be presented during the Technical Conference on Meteorological and Environmental Instruments and Methods of Observation (TECO-2005), Bucharest, Romania, 4-7 May 2005, which, upon its completion, will be widely circulated among WMO members and copies will also be provided to HMEI. The results of this intercomparison will have significant impact on the quality, reliability and homogeneity of upper-air data and on the running cost of the upper-air networks.

I would like to convey my personal thanks to you for the support to this event.

Yours sincerely,

cc (D.C. Schiessl)
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