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To: Whom it may concern

For more than 40 years the International Federation of Thoroughbred Breeders Association (ITBF) has represented the position of thousands of thoroughbred breeders from over 20 countries breeding more than 90,000 horses each year.

On the 5th March 2014, during the ITBF Meeting in Santiago our association were advised by the French Thoroughbred Breeders Association of the situation regarding the implantation of a toxic waste dump in the area of Nonant le Pin, in Orne.

As Chairman of the ITBF it is my duty to relay the unanimous position of all the countries present, or represented at the Meeting, condemning with a single voice the massacre of the agricultural economy of this area, which is regarded as a historical equine hub renowned on a global scale.

Our united position is clear and we will endorse all the actions conducted by the local thoroughbred breeders in association with the National Breeders Association to undo the settlement of this dump in the middle of an area renowned for its quality stud farms.

By ruining the thoroughbred economy of Nonant le Pin, and considering the impact the area has on a global scale ITBF has officially classified the area of Nonant le Pin and its surroundings (approx. 20 km) as a Protected Equine Cluster.

There are very few historical clusters in our Industry and just like the wine industry they are the mainstay of our existence. As such, their preservation is vital to the future maintenance and growth of our industry.

Yours faithfully

Derek Icton
Chairman
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