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PRESS RELEASE

€7,140 donation to SOS Villages d'Enfants Monde BNP Paribas employees in Luxembourg run for a good cause

Carlo Thill, Country Head of BNP Paribas and Chairman of the Management Board of BGL BNP Paribas, and Anne Kayser, member of the Management Board and Chair of the Running section of the bank's sports and recreation association (Cercle Amical et Sportif) donated a cheque for €7,140 to Sophie Molitor, Director of SOS Villages d'Enfants Monde, at a reception on Wednesday 17 July 2013.

The donation results from the participation of more than 140 employees of BNP Paribas in Luxembourg in the Luxembourg Marathon on 8 June. To support their efforts, the management of BNP Paribas in Luxembourg promised to donate a sum of money in proportion to the number of participants crossing the finishing line. For the eighth year in a row, the involvement of the group's Luxembourg workforce made it possible to support a project conducted by SOS Villages d'Enfants Monde, a non-profit organisation based in the Grand Duchy.

The funds raised will be allocated to a project supported by SOS Villages d'Enfants Monde in Niger. This project is a family strengthening programme set up in Dosso, around 100 km from Niamey, to improve the living conditions of 1,100 children from 300 families belonging to four local communities. The programme helps parents and guardians to meet the fundamental needs of their children (food, health, education, etc.). It also provides them with the resources (training, microcredit, setting up a micro-company, etc.) to become self-sufficient and manage their children's education alone. Specific emphasis is placed on raising awareness of children's rights and on building the capacities of community organisations to take over and run the project themselves.

Speaking at the presentation ceremony, Sophie Molitor said she was delighted that the bank had once again selected SOS Villages d'Enfants Monde to benefit from the solidarity shown by participants in this year's marathon: "I would like to extend my warmest thanks to the bank's managers and employees for their continuing loyalty and valuable assistance. This programme plays a vital role in enabling children to grow up with their families, in dignity, in one of the world's poorest countries. In this country, which faced a serious food crisis once again last year, half of all children on average suffer from chronic malnutrition."

Carlo Thill also thanked the many Group employees in Luxembourg who ran in the marathon. "I would like to congratulate all the colleagues who took part in the race this

year. Through their efforts in the marathon, half-marathon, or team run, they have contributed to the sum donated this evening to support the work of SOS Villages d'Enfants Monde. Supporting non-profit organisations is an integral part of our commitment to being a responsible community-minded bank and is one of the many initiatives we undertake as part of our corporate social responsibility policy."

At the ceremony, Sophie Molitor also presented other projects supported by the association in Niger, where it has been present since 2006. After financing an extension to the SOS Children's Village in Niamey, it contributed to building another SOS Children's Village and Children's Kindergarten in Dosso. Since 2008, it has supported a family strengthening programme in Tahoua. It is also financing emergency programmes in this rural region, which has been hard hit by drought. The most recent programme was set up in 2012 in the Madaoua area, and is helping 2,411 families in 32 villages.

SOS Villages d'Enfants Monde

SOS Villages d'Enfants Monde is a Luxembourg association and a member of SOS-Kinderdorf International, the worldwide federation of SOS Children's Villages associations. A non-governmental, non-denominational organisation, it is dedicated to helping orphans as well as abandoned and destitute children in 133 countries. Over 74,000 children and young people have found new homes at the 545 SOS Children's Villages and the 402 SOS Youth Facilities, and 7,900 adolescents are part of 200 special programmes. Over 145,000 children and young people are receiving an education in 182 SOS Schools, 222 SOS Kindergartens and 54 SOS Vocational Training Centres. The organisation's 624 SOS Social Centres are helping some 442,000 people through Family Strengthening Programmes and other social initiatives providing material, psychological and educational support. In the field of health, 74 SOS medical centres have opened their doors. Further, SOS Villages d'Enfants helps children and families in danger through 16 emergency aid programmes.

Since its foundation in 1974, SOS Villages d'Enfants Monde has drawn upon the support of Luxembourg's Foreign Ministry (Division for Cooperation) and the generosity of its many donors, sponsors and friends to undertake concrete projects in developing countries. These include the construction of SOS Children's Villages, schools, kindergartens, social and medical infrastructure as well as Family Strengthening Programmes and emergency aid. Luxembourg-based SOS Villages d'Enfants Monde is currently financing eight SOS Children's Villages, 26 Family Strengthening Programmes and ten education and training programmes, benefiting more than 22,500 people. It is also supporting five emergency aid programmes in Mali, Niger, Syria and Haiti. It has made development education one of its strengths, conducting awareness-raising campaigns aimed at schools and the general public in Luxembourg.

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