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**ASSOCIATION OF LITHUANIAN
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Prime Minister of the Republic of Estonia Mr. Taavi Roivas

Prime Minister of the Republic of Latvia Mr. Māris Kučinskis

Prime Minister of the Republic of Lithuania Mr. Algirdas Butkevicius

Support to maintain the Rail Baltic project management by joint stock company RB Rail AS

Organizations that unite business interests in the Baltic States – the Latvian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Association of Lithuanian Chambers of Commerce, industry and Crafts and the Estonian Chamber of Commerce and Industry invite the Prime Ministers of the Baltic countries to support the “Rail Baltic/Rail Baltica” railway development and its management by jointly established AS “RB Rail”, in order to jointly achieve transparent and successful implementation of the project, ensuring the principles of good governance and united country cooperation for the duration of the whole project.

Lately, individual persons and organisations have tried to delay further progress of the project by discrediting “Rail Baltic/Rail Baltica’s” management by joint stock company AS “RB Rail”,. The three Baltic Chambers highlight that this is a joint venture between the countries, which has the responsibility to deliver on commitments in a timely manner, make use of the European Union’s funding, while taking the region’s reputation and development into account. We therefore express our support to the current management system that is based on one joint company principle that coordinates the project development in all three countries and is responsible for project implementation.

We would like to point out that this project is important due to its geography, since the fast movement of goods and people in the world is a key reason for each country to succeed not only separately, but also together, by attracting investments and increasing export volumes.

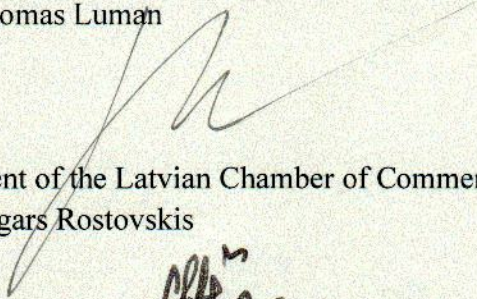
Though Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia are independent countries with their own territories, this time we have to be united, as joint development of the region will bring significant benefits to both inhabitants and entrepreneurs, demonstrating their development to Europe and the rest of the world and improving cooperation opportunities on a global level.

The three Baltic Chambers – Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania – will proffer fast and high-quality assistance in solving various issues, to ensure that “Rail Baltic/Rail Baltica” can increase competitiveness on a regional scale and become a great example of successful implementation of a trans-national project in Europe.

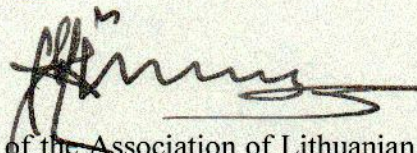
Sincerely Yours,

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President of the Estonian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Mr. Toomas Luman

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