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Dear Marisa,

The International Rafting Federation (IRF) would like to thank you and your entire team for the great work done in hosting our 2018 World Rafting Championships in Neuquén, Argentina.

Hosting an event like our World Championship is a huge undertaking that requires a level of commitment and dedication that few people will understand unless they took part themselves. We thank you for your willingness to work with us under difficult circumstances so that both the Neuquén government and the IRF could achieve our many objectives. We are especially grateful for the positive energy that you and your organising team provided during the last weeks leading up to the event, and during the event itself.

Thanks must also go to all those involved from the early days, handling the multitude of communications flowing between yourselves and the IRF officials and participating teams, and the numerous details that required attention.

I wish to offer my special thanks to Governor Omar Gutiérrez for his support in realising the event, and to the support given by the intendentes of Villa Pehuenia and Alumine - Srs. Sandro Badilla and Gabriel Alamo. It is our hope that the investment in time, energy and financial resources that these gentlemen provided for the Championship exceeds all expectations. I expect that the experience gained, and the contacts established, will lead to cooperation in future rafting activities and events in Argentina; especially activities designed for youth. The IRF looks forward to continuing to work with the province of Neuquén and these communities in the future. Please count on us to provide any assistance needed.

It is impossible to list the names of all persons responsible for this success. However, I would like to specifically mention the excellent job done by Race Director Ariel Dominguez, Safety Director Mario Mateo, and the work done by Martin Martinez. Without the dedicated efforts of these individuals and their teams, the event would have suffered greatly. Argentina should be

proud to have persons like these as citizens of your country. Please also pass on our appreciation to all sponsors and supporters of the event, without which the event would never get off the ground.

These combined efforts, without a doubt, have made this event extremely memorable for all who participated. The Alumine River has proven itself a worthy World Rafting Championship river, and will be a highlight in many of the competitors racing careers.

I offer you my personal congratulations, and also congratulations to the historical success that was demonstrated by the racing teams of Argentina! Well done to all.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JW Jones", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joseph Willis Jones  
President  
International Rafting Federation