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Dear Mrs Bowden

On behalf of Sodexo I am pleased to provide the Yothu Yindi Foundation (YYF) with a letter supporting the annual 2017 Garma Festival. Our organisation is committed to continuing as a proud partner of the YYF and Garma in 2017.

We very much appreciate the opportunity to provide operational excellence in the products and services we provide to the Garma guests and participants and we look forward to joining the YYF and Yolngu clans at their traditional ceremonial meeting place for the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Garma event.

Sodexo has been a proud partner with the YYF since 2004. Since then, our team has been attending Garma and providing the catering and hospitality service. As each year passes, we feel our partnership with the YYF has developed, grown and strengthened as has our commitment to the Yolngu communities.

We continue to improve operationally in our ability to cater for and serve the Yolngu communities and the increasing number of Garma participants. We have enhanced our level of organisational support and enabled our team members to participate and experience Garma outside of working in the kitchens, the dining areas and the ablution facilities.

Garma offers a personal cultural experience where our staff and delegates are able to engage, learn from each other and be immersed in the richness and strength of Yolngu culture. When Garma closes for the year, all of the Sodexo volunteers go back to their normal roles and describe the festival as a 'pinnacle opportunity' to connect with the Yolngu people and communities, to experience and appreciate the traditional values and bridge the gap in cultural differences.

Each year the Yothu Yindi Foundation delivers a professional and world class global event and we have been fortunate to witness the continuing growth and innovation of the Garma Program scheduling. We look forward to another inspiring, educating and entertaining four days come 4 August in 2017.

I understand that Wendy Dawson and Nigel Langford are looking forward to engagement with you in the New Year to commence planning for Garma 2017.

Yours sincerely



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