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Mr M J Walters
Backs! 2005 Stakeholder Liaison
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Dear Mr Walters

I am pleased to confirm that *Link Health and Safety Services* fully supports the Backs! 2005 campaign.

Link Health and Safety Services is a division of Marine Software Ltd which was formed in 1991. It is established as one of the world leaders in software systems for classification approved planned maintenance, stock control, purchasing, project management and health and safety.

The company, although originally focused on the marine environment with installations on almost every continent, now has multi industrial links.

Link Health and Safety Services is headed by a registered Health and Safety Practitioner and a former member of an Industrial Advisory Committee to the Health and Safety Commission. Together we developed a software programme called the *Safety Manager*.

One of the key features is a *manual handling module* that is tailored on the Health and Safety Executive's MAC tool.

We are promoting the initiative and the HSE's Manual Handling Assessment Chart by taking the following actions:

- **Separating the Manual Handling module from the full Safety Manager and offering it as an individual programme**
- **Reducing the cost of the software by 22%**

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It is anticipated that the above actions will achieve the following benefits:

- **An increase in awareness and the use of the MAC format**
- **Uniform approach to Manual handling assessments. The MAC removes a lot of the subjectivity generally associated with risk assessment.**
- **A systematic approach to the reduction in manual handling risks. The module lists all the manual handling tasks in priority according to the assessment scores.**

Link Health and Safety Services is committed to working with the Health and Safety Executive and Local Authorities to help reduce the incidence of back pain and other musculo-skeletal disorders in the workplace.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Jennings'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Robert Jennings

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