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Dear Mr Keyser,
dear Emil,

Just a few lines to let you know we have returned to Germany safe and sound. We are very happy indeed to have received only the best type of feedback from everyone in our delegation. This shows that our decision to make the Velmore our Team Base Camp – taken way back in 2008, when you came to Frankfurt to sign the contract – was absolutely right.

For almost six weeks, our players and staff were privileged to have a true "home from home", enjoying outstanding facilities, excellent professionalism, and the best of South-African hospitality. We are quite certain that this laid the foundation for the German team to proceed through the tournament and eventually win the match for third place.

We are, of course, aware of the fact that prior to the event, you were at the receiving end of a lot of criticism mainly from the local and regional authorities. After our departure, we would wish for you to be spared such negative attention in the future, and if you feel there is anything we can do from a distance, please let us know!

In conclusion, we think it is fair to say that South Africa rose above all the pre-tournament pessimism to host a successful and memorable event. You and your staff have made a great contribution to achieving that, and for this we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude.

Yours with kindest regards and best wishes,

Wolfgang Niersbach
General Secretary

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National Team Manager