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Herr D. Sommer

Thank you for your letter of 12th November.

I am glad to have confirmation of your interest in our provisional proposal to support the International Competition in Japan next year. I also understand that the offer of awards for outstanding ability in the technical skills requires the approval and support of your Technical Committee.

The amount of our financial support would naturally depend upon there being mutual agreement between Shell and the International Organisation as to the precise nature of our support. I mentioned to you the possibility of financial awards to enable apprentices to undertake advanced training. It is, therefore, very difficult for me to propose a figure, but I would imagine that an amount of not less than £5,000 would be necessary to ensure that significant benefit would accrue to the technical skills of those selected.

I hope that you find this helpful and I look forward to hearing the outcome of the discussions with your colleagues.

Yours sincerely
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