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To whom it may concern,

**Regarding the merits and breeding value of the stallion Figaro R**

The stallion Figaro R, UELN number 276431316611501, by Friendship out of Florida by Finer Stern – Werther – Grunewald, was a premium stallion in Hannover 2003 and was then bought to Sweden by Gränsbo Stuteri. He became the stallion performance test winner (dressage) in the SWB in 2005. Thereafter he has competed up to Prix St George (placed). He has been successful in breeding with successful offspring in sport (among them two finalists in the WBCYH in Verden and an approved stallion in SWB). His breeding value (dressage index) is well above average (128 in 2013, the mean is 100 and the standard deviation is 20). With this progeny result and provided the index stays at the same level or higher when the breeding values of 2014 have been estimated, he is eligible to be a grade “A” stallion in SWB breeding, which means that his inheritance in SWB is clearly above average.

The heritabilities for and correlations between the SWB stallion performance test and competition results has been analysed scientifically. The results showed that the heritabilities are moderate to high (well in line with all other European tests of significance) and the correlations with competition results are high, at the same level or higher than for the German and Dutch stallion performance tests (Gelinder et al., 2001; Thorén Hellsten et al. 2006).

Sincerely,

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*Thorén Hellsten, E., Viklund, Å., Koenen, E.P.C., Ricard, A., Bruns, E., Philipsson, J., 2006. Review of genetic parameters estimated at stallion and young horse performance tests and their correlations with later results in dressage and show-jumping competition. Livest. Sci. 103:1-12.*