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Dear Lord Mayor,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with Gregor McGuckin and I in relation to the Golden Globe Race Gregor is undertaking next year. As you hopefully realise this is an adventure of epic proportions that will have broad appeal and also help educate our nation about the ocean.

I am writing with two objectives. Firstly, to confirm the support and endorsement of you as the Lord Mayor and Admiral of the Port for the project. It will be an honour for Gregor to fly the flag of his hometown and the prestige your office would bring will be fantastic. Following confirmation we would like to issue a press announcement that the Lord Mayor and Admiral is now a Patron of the project.

Secondly, we would like to explore some ways of furthering our educational programme and building strong links into the communities you represent. Below are some suggestions to be explored:

Pre Race Start:

- Primary School Visits – Gregor to conduct 10 visits to primary schools, 2 in each administrative area.
- Sailing experiences / boat visits
- Send Off Function – Host the official send off party

During the Race:

- Option to create the official race office in a city centre location. In effect a screen with the race tracker, media reports, and images. This can be managed remotely by Gregor's shore team
- Technology permitting, calls to the Mayor and / or local schools



Post Race:

- Option for the City Council to put the boat on public display
- Primary School Visits – Gregor to conduct 20 visits to primary schools, 4 in each administrative area
- Homecoming event – Host the official homecoming for Gregor and the boat

By supporting the above activities financially the City Council would be helping to raise essential funds to get Gregor to the starting line while also expanding the educational programme that is already in place.

Given Gregor's own background and Dublin base, we believe there is a strong case that Dublin City Council and Dublin Port should support this adventure.

Perhaps a meeting between Dublin City Council and Dublin Port officials would be the best next step. Please advise how we might facilitate this.

Yours Sincerely,

Neil O'Hagan