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Dear Mr Benny Vaknin,

I am writing to you to extend my most sincere greetings from the city of Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania, brought to you by the crew of the yacht *Gold of Lithuania*.

The crew, entitled the *Lithuanian Argonauts*, is sailing along the Mediterranean and Adriatic coasts with a historic mission to establish and enhance the cultural and economic cooperation with the cities along their way. In order to mark the 20th anniversary of independence of our country, the *Argonauts* are particularly interested in visiting the ports that have already had such ties with Lithuania during the course of history.

The mission is being carried out by Junior Chamber International (JCI) in Vilnius – an organisation of young professionals and entrepreneurs, aiming at the advancement of the global community and creating positive change. The young entrepreneurs from Vilnius are willing to start cooperation with your city.

As Mayor of Vilnius, I kindly ask you to support the mission of the *Gold of Lithuania* and to welcome its crew to your port. The *Lithuanian Argonauts* would like to greet your city by flying the Lithuanian flag and by presenting you with a gift from the Amber coast. I hope that their visit will be a stimulus to start mutually beneficial cultural and economic exchange projects in the nearest future.

The *Gold of Lithuania* plans to reach Ashkelon on the 22nd of July, 2010.

I would like to thank you in advance for your support and understanding and to wish good luck to the crew of the *Gold of Lithuania* on their way to your shores.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Vilius Navickas'.

Vilius Navickas
Mayor of Vilnius

