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**Mr. Kang Un-Tae**

Mayor of the City of Gwangju

6<sup>th</sup> November 2013

**City of Gwangju – New Aquatics Facilities Pools**

Dear Mayor Kang,

I trust that this correspondence finds you well.

We have received correspondence from Mr. Jung Il-Chung, Secretary General of the Korean Swimming Federation concerning the new aquatics facilities to be constructed in the City of Gwangju, which will be used for the FINA World Championships in 2019, as well as the 2017 edition of the FISU Universiade.

We understand that there is some doubt about the suitability of the panel pools manufactured and installed by **Myrtha Pools**.

As per my letter to Mr. Jung of 14<sup>th</sup> October this year, FINA has no hesitation in recommending the panel pool technology of our Official Pool Partner, **Myrtha Pools**, to both the Korean Swimming Federation and to the City of Gwangju, as hosts of the FINA World Championships in 2019.

Myrtha Pools has a worldwide reputation for the quality of its pool products and pool installations and is a global leader in this industry and, FINA is proud to have Myrtha Pools as its partner.

Besides the temporary pool installations for many previous FINA, Olympic and other major aquatics events, Myrtha Pools have successfully installed its panel pools in numerous major aquatics facilities around the world, including swimming and diving pools for international competition, as well as recreational pools in leisure centres and water parks. In particular, Myrtha Pools have built a number of deep pools around the world, that include 3m high panels and they are all performing perfectly. Myrtha Pools has also installed 3m deep pools for competition at the last 3 editions of the FINA World Championships.

FINA recommends the use of panel pool technology over and above the outdated concrete construction method for the reason that panel pools are superior in terms of their tolerances and compliance with FINA Rules and, they offer the most cost-effective long-term usage. I am sure that if you compare the guarantee periods offered by the constructor of a panel pool versus the constructor of a concrete pool, you will clearly see difference in the long-term viability of the two types of pool.



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As an example, if there is any crack developing in a concrete pool through subsidence or other earth movement, the pool may be irreparably damaged whereas, with a panel pool, any element developing a defect can be simply replaced and the pool quickly brought back into use.

FINA counts on the quality and excellence of the panel pools installed by Myrtha Pools for FINA's biggest event, the FINA World Championships and, we believe that they offer the best solution for the new aquatics facilities in your City. I trust therefore that you will give every consideration to choosing Myrtha Pools to supply the swimming pools in Gwangju.

Should you require any further information, then please do not hesitate to contact the FINA office.

With kind regards,

**Cornel Marculescu**  
FINA Executive Director

*cc. Mr. Jung Il-Chung, Secretary General of the Korean Swimming Federation*