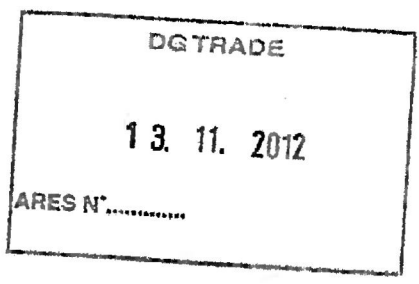


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Berlin, 8 November 2012

Dear Mr. Demarty,

Investment protection is of crucial importance for German and EU companies abroad. At present, German companies are protected by a large network of Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs) that guarantee a very high protection level. On the basis of the new investment competences of the EU acquired with the Treaty of Lisbon, the Commission is at present negotiating investment protection treaties on an EU level in the framework of FTA-negotiations with Canada, India and Singapore.

The negotiations with Canada


In this context, we urge you to make sure that

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The importance of solid and predictable investment protection cannot be overstated. Therefore we call for the Commission to make every effort to guarantee the maximum level of protection for EU companies.

Yours sincerely,

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**Dr. Volker Treier
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