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Sent by email to: office@themayor.eu

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Dear Mayor Femke Halsema,

I am writing to invite you to be special guest of Manchester at one of our leadership debates at MIPIM 2020.

Manchester hosts a series of well attended debates, in which we aim to stimulate a dynamic, open dialogue amongst prominent leaders from our peer cities. The pavilion annually attracts a truly international audience and in 2019, over 116 cities visited the Manchester Pavilion from all corners of the globe.
We have been proud to host city leaders from London, Hamburg, Lyon, Berlin and Antwerp amongst others at the Manchester Pavilion, a venue supported by over 80 private sector partners. These leadership debates proved to be very informative, creating stimulating discussion and drawing in large audiences.

We plan to build on this success in 2020 and we hope that you will join us as our honoured guest.

Our second session, ***'City of Science and Art'***, will look at how cross sector joint ventures create success. Science and Art are both accelerated by cities. The great investigations, inventions, performances, and creations of history have been hosted by cities where the combination of people, ideas, money, interactions, technology and special places have fuelled our civilisation. The interface of strong science and rich art create new enterprise and innovation opportunities that foster new designs, structures, businesses and jobs, and provide new edges in the city economy and lifestyle.

Moderated by Professor [redacted], Global City Advisor, the panel will discuss:

- How can we make the most of the interface between art and science?
- What are the opportunities in creates for new sectors, jobs, and services?
- What spaces and places does the fusion of art and science need?

Timings for the session are as follows:

Date: Wednesday 11 March 2020
Venue: The Manchester Pavilion, MIPIM, Cannes, FRANCE

Running Order:

09:30	Speaker check in
10:00	Leaders debate and Q&A
10:45	Networking

Given the importance of city leadership on this agenda we are very keen to have you join us to share your experience and lessons. If you are able to accept my invitation on behalf of Manchester, I would be grateful if you could liaise with [redacted]@marketingmanchester.com, to make the necessary arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

Sir Richard Leese
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