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Press Release

'BEYOND THE MOON' EXPERIENCE FOR MALTESE FAMILY

9th February 2007 – February had a pleasant surprise in store for family Schembri from Tarxien, as they were informed by Corinthia Hotels chairman Karmenu Vella, that they had been selected as the first Maltese family to benefit from funds collected by Corinthia Hotels in Malta on behalf of the International 'Beyond The Moon' charitable association for children with life-threatening conditions. Marisa and Mario Schembri have two children, Mirabelle, aged eight and her brother Manuel, aged six, both suffering from leukodystrophy, a rare genetic disorder that effects the brain, spinal cord and peripheral nerves.

Through the collection of funds raised by Corinthia's four hotels in Malta, 'Beyond the Moon' will be giving the Schembri family the opportunity to spend valuable quality time in each others company and to enjoy a memorable, completely cost-free and carefree overseas vacation far away from hospitals and daily treatments. The Schembri family was selected by Beyond the Moon experts in consultation with the paediatric department of St Luke's Hospital following a number of nominations made by Corinthia employees

Last year, Corinthia Hotels adopted the Belgium-based international non-profit charitable association as its 'Corinthia in the Community Partner' throughout its chain of hotels in 11 destinations. Eligible children from the community or country in which the funds are collected are nominated either by the hotel collecting the funds, or else by professional Beyond the Moon contacts in that particular destination, in consultation with the local medical authorities.

Greeting the Schembri family at Corinthia Palace Hotel in Attard, CHI chairman Karmenu Vella stated *"As our company's commercial interests continue to expand internationally, so does our duty to society at large and our commitment to assist in its general well-being. This is by no means the first time that CHI is offering its services to the community. It is however the first time that CHI is embracing a collective cause that will undoubtedly benefit many children worldwide, for whom this could well mean their last real holiday with their loved ones"*

On their part, Mr and Mrs Schembri thanked all Corinthia guests and employees for their fund raising efforts and for making this dream holiday for their children possible.

More information on Beyond the Moon can be obtained from the association's website www.beyondthemoon.org or by contacting general manager Ms Pascale Sommers at: Zandstraat 27k, 2223 Schriek, Belgium. – Tel/Fax: +32 (0) 15 23 36 82 – e-mail: info@beyondthemoon.org.



CHI chairman Karmenu Vella (centre) greeting family Schembri at Corinthia Palace Hotel in the presence of CHI and Beyond the Moon officials.

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