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Re: Case Number A-451-801

Dear Mr. Evans:

The Baltic American Clinic is now in its 9th year and it is a self-contained in-patient/out-patient and medical & surgical unit – Western-quality and Western accountability. The Clinic is a private company and does not gain government subsidies.

We provide the wide range of services by having a team of primary care, pediatric, anesthesia & intensive care and surgeons full-time, then a targeted team of other specialists that we have been very selective in gathering from the public system, and on-call 24 hours a day. The mechanism we have works well and allows us to deliver a broad range of skilled care services in the Clinic itself. Many diagnostics are done on-site, or in a local private diagnostic facility. Rarely, but as needed, we have used the public facilities, but have overseen that care all the while.

Many international firms have established themselves in Lithuania over the last few years. Foreign direct investments are rising sharply with more and more reinvestment. Lithuania has managed to accelerate growth while keeping inflation very low.

Lithuania with its good geographical location, proximity to big markets, excellent infrastructure, low operating and living costs, and highly educated labor force with competitive wages is an excellent base for bringing extremely competitive goods and services to global markets.

The economic growth, reforms and business achievements in Lithuania have created a stable basis for a market economy:

- The national currency (LTL) is convertible into other foreign currency and vice versa without any restrictions according to the market rate.
- Wage rates are determined by free bargaining between labor and management.
- Foreign investment is fully permitted in the country except for some specific sectors.
- Lithuania is proceeding with privatization of state property as its economy is based on the right to private ownership.
- Companies themselves decide on the allocation of resources and prices according to the situation in the market.

According to the facts mentioned above we think that recent years had transformed Lithuania into a market economy and support its request for market economy status.

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