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PRESS RELEASE FROM HOLIDAYTRAVELWATCH™

CONSUMER GROUP CONDEMNS HOTEL WITH THREE CONFIRMED DISEASES

HolidayTravelWatch has received a number of complaints concerning the Hotel Pegasus Palace, in the resort of Sarigerme, Turkey.

Calls have been received by the Organisation from desperate holidaymakers, both whilst in resort, and since their return to the United Kingdom.

This is the second year running that the Organisation has received complaints about this hotel.

Complaints range from flies on food, mosquito infestation, faecal element in the swimming pool, filthy toilets, and poor hygiene conditions.

HolidayTravelWatch has been advised that many people were or remain ill at the hotel. The Organisation is aware of some people being hospitalised, some of whom were children.

HolidayTravelWatch has also been advised that the following diseases have been confirmed:

Salmonella;
Shigella Flex, and
Entamoeba Histolylica

Frank Brehany, MD of HolidayTravelWatch states, "This is absolutely unbelievable!" He adds, "After all the complaints and confirmed illness from 2005, it seems that the 2006 holidaymakers have been exposed to more of the same".

He asks, "What kind of collective corporate thinking allows these conditions to prevail? When

will this tour operator act – when someone dies? I call upon the tour operator and the hotelier to close this hotel and clean it up before its too late"

HolidayTravelWatch is now collating details of holidaymakers who have stayed at this hotel and have been affected by these issues.

Frank Brehany concludes, "I regret to say that the only way to resolve this problem is through litigation. The exposure to and contraction of serious diseases is unacceptable, and should not be bought off with a voucher or other ridiculous amount of compensation. I call upon all holidaymakers affected by the conditions at this hotel to contact us without delay, and join the growing number of people who are now willing to take action. Returned holidaymakers should also contact their GP or local Environmental Health Officers without delay. If anyone is aware of anyone currently staying at this hotel, who is suffering from any of these problems, then they should contact us without delay".

All holidaymakers affected by any of these issues should call the National Helpline 01217478100 or make contact through the Organisation's website – www.holidaytravelwatch.com

HolidayTravelWatch is a National Consumer Organisation which provides information, advice and assistance to the holidaymaker or independent traveller, who experiences problems with their travel arrangements. In eleven years 120,000 people have benefited from the help provided by HolidayTravelWatch, with some 40% being empowered to resolve their own claims by the information the organisation provides on their consumer rights.

HolidayTravelWatch has campaigned in the past for improvements in travel safety and is proud to have been associated with some of the leading broadcast and print media projects aimed at informing the consumer. HolidayTravelWatch continues with that campaigning spirit and continues to work closely with the media and government departments alike.

Full details of the work of HolidayTravelWatch can be found on www.holidaytravelwatch.com

For further information on this press release and any other associated matters please contact Frank Brehany on 01217478100

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