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Dear Syd Phillimore,

**Severn Trent WaterAid Raft Race
3rd September 2011 Carsington Water, Derby**

I wanted to thank you on behalf of the Raft Race Project team for Dove Valley Outdoor Events generous contribution to this year's event. Together we are looking to have raised a fantastic £10,500 for WaterAid Ethiopia.

As a founding member of WaterAid, Severn Trent Water has continued to pledge its support to the charity. In 2009 we signed a formal agreement with WaterAid committing to raise funds with a specific commitment to Ethiopia, cementing our relationship with WaterAid as Severn Trent's charity of choice.

In October 2010 a group of nine people from Severn Trent visited Ethiopia to see the work of WaterAid in the field. The group saw first-hand the sustainable difference the charity's work makes to both whole communities and individual lives.

This included Obese Wodajo, an 87 year old farmer from the Hitosa region. When asked what difference the water supply project made to his and his family's lives he said "We used to share the cattle's water but now the cattle share ours".

I hope that in the future we are able continue the successful relationship between Dove Valley Outdoor Events and the Raft Race in supporting WaterAid achieve its goals, so they can help more people like Obese Wodajo gain access to safe water, sanitation and health education. For every £15 we raise from this event, it could enable one person to gain access to a lasting supply of safe water, sanitation and hygiene education.

With kind regards,

Sam McGauley
Raft Race Logistic Coordinator

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