Minister Johannes Hahn,

Dear Sir,

I have learnt that you have, on behalf of the Austrian Government, recently advised your counterparts in other countries participating in the funding of the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) at CERN, that Austria will spend no further money on the project. I wish to convey my wholehearted support for the Austrian decision.

The LHC has been from its outset a vast and vulgar waste of public money. The LHC scientists have, in my view, led astray politicians and the general public alike, by making demonstrably false claims for this project and deceiving all and sundry with beguiling appeals to the fantastic. Many LHC scientists have claimed, for instance, that they will create with their contraption, mini or micro black holes, and 'recreate' the initial conditions of their alleged Big Bang cosmology. These claims are unscientific and demonstrably false. It is also claimed by the same scientists that they hope to find the Higgs boson. But it is well known to scientists that the previous particle collider at CERN far exceeded the theoretical energies at which the Higgs mechanism is supposed to manifest. As with black holes and big bangs, the search for the Higgs boson is a search for phantasmagoria.

The only firm result that the LHC will produce is long-term employment by sinecure for its personnel, all at the expense of the public purse.

I have been informed that the Austrian LHC scientist, Dr. Felicitas

Pauss, recently received an Austrian medal for scientific achievement. No doubt she will urge Austrian reconsideration of its decision to withdraw from further funding of the LHC. I have little doubt that such pleadings will be rather one-sided in that the scientific evidence that demonstrates the invalidity of the claims made for the LHC will not be presented, as usual. Indeed, I sent Dr. Pauss some time ago a copy of a paper I presented at a conference in Munich in March 2009, convened by the German Physical Society, wherein I demonstrated that black holes, big bangs and Einstein gravitational waves are all fallacious, being the products of erroneous mathematics and misapplication of physical principles. Dr. Pauss ignored this paper, despite invitation to comment. Of course, these irrefutable facts are not welcomed by those who make their livings by searching for and theorising about such phantasms; and ignorance has evidently now become a useful scientific method. But the facts are what they are, despite all attempts to suppress them; and suppression is indeed routinely practiced in the circles of 'science'.

My Munich paper is attached for your information, although I understand that your office has previously acquired this paper from other sources. A variation of this paper I will personally present at a conference later this month at a university in the USA and at a conference later this year in Europe, following which I will give lectures, again by invitation, at a major European university. I have also received invitations to present related papers later this year in Kiev (Ukraine) and Calcutta (India) on these matters. It is noteworthy too that despite almost daily claims now for their discovery, the

truth is that nobody has ever found a black hole, which astrophysical scientists at the Max Planck Institute for Extraterrestrial Physics recently admitted, as reported in my aforementioned paper. Einstein gravitational waves too have never been found. The search for black holes, Einstein gravitational waves, and remnants of the alleged Big Bang, are all destined to detect nothing because they are all demonstrably false concepts.

Contemporary physics has exceeded the bounds of stupidity itself, and it has done so with concomitant extravagant spending from the public purse. It is high time that this indecency be brought to an end.

Austria's decision to cease further funding of the LHC circus is most definitely the right one.

Yours faithfully,

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