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3-Year-Old Gelding by Desir du Chateau Top-Priced Horse at Mechelen Auction

A son of Morningside Stud's new French stallion Desir du Chateau (Quidam de Revel x Cor de Chasse x Rantzau xx) was the highest priced horse sold at the Auction Mechelen yesterday - euro 52,000.

Dax van't Dabdijhoeve (Desir du Chateau x Clinton x Heartbreaker) is a 3-year-old bay Belgian Warmblood gelding. His dam, Vanite van de Heffinck, is the sister of the approved BWP stallion Utrillo vd Heffinck.

Dax van' Dabdijhoeve was bred by Hubert Hamerlinck, the owner of Studfarm Van de Heffinck. I spoke to Mr. Hamerlinck and he has bred three foals by Desir du Chateau using frozen semen and he said he is a "very good sire".

The gelding was purchased by the prominent de Vos family for one of their children who is a successful young rider trained by Dirk Demeersman (Clinton's rider).

Auction Mechelen started in 2002 and is run by a very good group of Belgian horse experts including the World Champion rider Jos Lansink. You can see the results, photos, and a short video clip on

<http://www.auction-mechelen.com/e/start.htm>

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15 November 2006

Morningside Stud Purchases French Stallion Desir du Chateau

Desir du Chateau, a son of the great French sire Quidam de Revel and out of "one of the best families in France", the Manuela line, has been purchased by Morningside Stud.

Desir du Chateau is a 1991 chestnut stallion approved by the Selle Francais studbook. As a four-year-old he qualified for the French

Showjumping Championship under Philippe Rozier but a serious injury before the final ended his competition career and delayed his stud career for three years. His first crop of foals was not born until 1999, when he was eight-years-old.

But what a first crop it was!

Nineteen of 38 products competed in the French 4-Year-Old Classic Cycle, 23 competed in national showjumping and/or eventing classes, 9 have won showjumping competitions, 3 qualified for the 6-Year-Old French Showjumping Championship, and 4 have gone on to showjump internationally in 2006 as 7-year-olds.

From his second crop of foals, born in 2000, 23 are jumping nationally, 14 have won showjumping competitions, 2 have won eventing competitions, 1 qualified for the 5-Year-Old Eventing Championship, and one is showjumping internationally.

From his third crop of foals, born in 2001, already 13 are showjumping nationally and 7 are winners.

The sire of Desir du Chateau, Quidam de Revel, is one of history's greatest sires of international showjumpers. Desir du Chateau's dam, Javotte D, was a successful national showjumper in France and she is the dam of 7 international showjumpers (Amande du Chateau, Carole du Chateau, Esther du Chateau, Etoile du Chateau, Horace du Chateau, Kartoom du Chateau, and Manuela du Chateau); she is also the dam of 2 approved stallions (Ulak du Chateau and Desir du Chateau). Daughters of Javotte D have produced, to date, an additional 6 international showjumpers.

The dam of Javotte D, Ballerine III, is by Rantzau xx (the sire of Cor de la Bryere) and out of a Labrador xx mare; she also contains valuable Anglo-Arab blood. Ballerine III is the dam of 2 international showjumpers (Grand Coeur A and Nelson de Beine); she is the grand-dam of 14 international showjumpers and 3 approved stallions.

The dam of Ballerine III is Manuela, the dam of 4 international showjumpers (Admiral, Graceful, Lumpur, and Moon Kiss); she is the grand-dam of 4 international showjumpers.

In total Desir du Chateau, his dam, his second dam, his third dam, and their daughters have produced 33 international showjumpers.

Tom Reed, the owner of Morningside Stud, is delighted with his new acquisition. "We have been hoping to purchase an excellent French sire for the last half-dozen years. When we were contacted by our person in France and told that this stallion descends from "one of the best families in France" we were sceptical. But our research showed this is true. Plus to have several progeny from his first crop competing internationally as 7-year-olds is an extraordinary achievement. We will use Desir du Chateau on a dozen of our own mares in 2007 and we invite breeders in Ireland, the EU, USA, Australia and New Zealand to avail of his world-class bloodlines for their own breeding programs."

Desir du Chateau will go to the Netherlands at the end of this week to have his semen frozen for the EU and USA for the next three months. He then will travel to his new home at Morningside Stud in County Clare, Ireland where fresh and chilled semen will be available. With 68% thoroughbred and Anglo-Arab bloodlines, Desir du Chateau is ideal for mares needing "blood" and increased athleticism.

Further information on Desir du Chateau can be found on Morningside Stud's homepage and details of his progeny and the progeny of his damline can be found at <http://morningside-stud.com/Images/DESIRDUCHATEAUreport.doc>

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25 September 2006

Condios Son Robo Paddy Future Event Horse League Vice-Champion

Robo Paddy today was crowned the Vice-Champion of the 4-Year-Old Future Event Horse League.

Robo Paddy was sired by Morningside Stud's Holsteiner stallion Condios and is out of the mare Cavalier's Abbey (by Cavalier Royale). The bay gelding, which stands at 169 cm, was bred by Stephanie Heffernan of County Offaly and is owned by Dr. John McKay, who owned the Olympic eventing stallion High Scope before the horse's untimely death. The rider is Joseph Murphy.

Condios has sired the 2006 4-Year-Old National Showjumping Champion of Ireland (RoundThorn Madios), the 4-Year-Old Balmoral National Showjumping Champion of Northern Ireland (RoundThorn

Madios), and the 4-year-Old Future Event Horse League Vice-Champion of Ireland (Robo Paddy).

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25 September 2006

Belgian Junior Rider Purchases Half of Ulysses M2S, Stallion Wins Irish 5-Year-Old Indoor Championship

The family of the talented Belgian junior rider Rossella de Simone has purchased 50% of Morningside Stud's 5-year-old stallion Ulysses M2S, just several days before he won the Irish Indoor Championship at Cavan. The stallion will enjoy a break from training and competition for the rest of 2006 and then travel to Belgium in January to be produced as Rosella's top prospect for international sport under the direction of her trainer, the international showjumping rider Jos Lansink.

Ulysses M2S (Ekstein x Voltaire) is a KWPN-registered stallion born in Ireland and bred by Morningside Stud. He is approved by the Anglo European Studbook (AES) and his progeny have been sold to the USA and the UK and his semen has been sold to Ireland, UK, USA, and Canada.

Ulysses M2S was produced as a 3-year-old for licensing by the AES by the Dutch Olympian Gert-Jan Bruggink. Under the excellent Dutch producer Eddie Brinkman, Ulysses M2S was approved as a 4-year-old by the AES after winning an international stallion competition at the Euregio Indoor Denekamp Show in the Netherlands. In 2006, as a five-year-old, Brinkman and Ulysses M2S placed fourth in the Future Stallion Competition at the Zwolle International Stallion Show. Following his move back to Ireland after the Zwolle show, Ulysses M2S was campaigned by the Irish National Champion Rider and international rider Clement McMahon and their many accomplishments include placing fourth in the 5-Year-Old Championship at the Dublin Horse Show and winning the 5-Year-Old Indoor Championship at Cavan.

Rossella de Simone has found her horse for the future in Ulysses M2S. "I immediately had a good feeling with that stallion! Ulysses has unbelievable jumping scope and a very good head for a 5-year-old horse. He also doesn't want to touch a fence -- he is very careful! I really think we can both grow together to the top of the showjumping

sport. I feel very lucky to have found such a talent. Of course there will be some work to become a strong couple but we have time to build step-by-step as he is only five now. Ulysses will be at his top when I will be much stronger as a rider as well."

Dr. Thomas Reed, the owner of Morningside Stud, is delighted with the new partnership. "The de Simone family and I have very similar ideas, values and goals about how international prospects should be produced, and Rossella is a natural and gifted rider who will work hard with her trainer Jos Lansink to bring out the best in Ulysses M2S. It will be very exciting to see the two of them develop together in the future."

Ulysses M2S frozen semen and progeny are available for purchase in the EU and North America through Morningside Stud in County Clare, Ireland.

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10 September 2006

Condios Gelding Robo Paddy 2nd in Future Event Horse League Qualifier

At the Future Event Horse League Qualifier held at Dollanstown on 6 September Robo Paddy placed second in the 4-Year-Olds Section B competition.

Robo Paddy is sired by Condios and is out of the mare Cavalier's Abbey (by Cavalier Royale). The bay gelding, which stands at 169 cm, was bred by Stephanie Heffernan of County Offaly and is owned by Dr. John McKay, who owned the Olympic eventing stallion High Scope before the horse's untimely death. The rider is Joseph Murphy. Ms. Heffernan has a full-sister filly foal to Robo Paddy that is for sale. Further information can be obtained from Morningside Stud.

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5 September 2006

Champions of Ireland: Ekstein and Condios Progeny

This was a great weekend for Morningside Stud as two progeny of its world-class stallions Ekstein and Condios were crowned Champions of Ireland.

On Saturday a high quality filly sired by Ekstein and out of the mare Owen's Fancy (Diamond Lad RID x Grey Macha RID) was crowned All-Ireland Yearling Filly Champion. The competition featured yearling fillies that had qualified earlier in the summer at major shows in Ireland and Northern Ireland. The competition was very strong but the bay filly, bred and owned by Chris Whelan of County Galway, continued her domination of showing classes this year by adding a seventh championship -- and the most important one -- to her resume.

On Sunday the very athletic and rideable son of Condios named RoundThorn Madios capped a summer of excellent showjumping by being crowned the 4-Year-Old National Showjumping Champion of Ireland. The bay gelding, ridden by the talented 23-year-old County Fermanagh rider Catherine Thornton, had earlier in the season won the RDS Dublin Horse Show Qualifier at Barnadown, placed 4th at the Dublin Horse Show, and won the Balmoral National 4-Year-Old Championship. RoundThorn Madios, whose dam is the Clover Hill daughter Clover Heidi, was bred by the Gleeson - McDonagh family of Tuam, County Galway and is owned by Patricia Connon of Northern Ireland.

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21 August 2006

Condios Progeny Concentric 4th in Lee Strand Young Irishman Final

Concentric, a three-year-old bay filly sired by Condios and out of Aftershock (Diamond Serpent x Forties Field xx), placed 4th in the Lee Strand Young Irishman Loose-Jumping Final last week in Millstreet.

Concentric was bred by Jennifer Hews of County Clare and is owned by Joe Dunne.

20 August 2006

Yearling Filly by Ekstein Wins at Kildysart Show

A yearling filly by Ekstein out of the mare Owen's Fancy (Diamond Lad RID x Grey Macha RID) won the yearling filly class today at the Kildysart Show in County Clare. This is the sixth win for this filly this year; she also recorded a second place at the Athenry Show, which was a qualifier for the All-Ireland Yearling Filly Championship, and a third place at the Athlone show.

This filly was bred and is owned by Chris Whelan of County Galway, and is for sale. Please contact Morningside Stud for further information.

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14 August 2006

Ulysses M2S 4th in Dublin 5-Year-Old Championship

Morningside Stud's stallion Ulysses M2S, ridden by Clement McMahon, jumped double-clear and placed 4th in the 5-Year-Old Championship at the Dublin Horse Show.

Sixteen horses qualified for the Championship, which was held in the Main Arena at the Royal Dublin Society's showgrounds on August 12. Ulysses M2S was the only stallion that qualified for the Championship. Earlier in the week Ulysses M2S jumped double-clear and placed fourth in the qualifier for the Championship against other five-year-olds that earlier in the summer had qualified to compete at the Dublin Horse Show in the hope of making it to the Main Arena for the Championship.

The Championship jump-off round was televised on RTE, Ireland's national broadcasting service. The commentator John Hall, a former international rider for Ireland, said the following about Ulysses M2S:

"Another really scopey horse, jumping out of his boots. Might not make the time but it's a lovely jumper. A great performance here. He's turning back to this difficult third fence and jumps it for fun... a wonderful round for jumping. Clem will be well-pleased with him."

Ulysses M2S (Ekstein x Voltaire) is a KWPN-registered horse bred by Morningside Stud. He is approved as a sire by the Anglo European Studbook.

In other news from the Dublin Horse Show, Roundthorn Madios, a gelding sired by Morningside Stud's Holsteiner stallion Condios and out of a mare by Clover Hill, placed fourth in the 4-Year-Old Championship. Roundthorn Madios was bred by Denise Gleeson of Tuam, County Galway and is owned by Patricia Connon of County Antrim and was ridden by Catherine Thornton of County Fermanagh.

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20 July 2006

Condios Progeny Roundthorn Madios Wins 4-Year-Old National Balmoral Championship

Roundthorn Madios (Condios x Clover Hill RID), bred by the Gleeson - McDonagh family of Tuam, County Galway and owned by Patricia Connon of Northern Ireland, won this week the 4-Year-Old National Balmoral Championship. The bay gelding, ridden by the talented 23-year-old County Fermanagh rider Catherine Thornton, also won the RDS Dublin Horse Show Qualifier at Barnadown in June.

Also at the National Balmoral Show Morningside Stud's 5-year-old approved stallion Ulysses M2S (Ekstein x Voltaire) jumped double-clear and placed 2nd in the second qualifier for the 5-Year-Old Championship. This was a very good result for Ulysses M2S following a 4-week rest after placing 2nd in the RDS Dublin Horse Show 5-Year-Old Qualifier at Barnadown. Ulysses M2S will be brought back to ring fitness in the next two weeks by Clem McMahon in time for the RDS Dublin Horse Show on 9 - 13 August.

In other news, at the West Cork Breeders Show's 3-Year-Old Loose-Jumping Championship Shanaclough Saniki, a 2003 bay filly by Ekstein out of Shanalough Surprise (by Rocketone xx), placed 5th. This filly is owned by her breeder, John Glynn of Co. Limerick.

In recent weeks the approved stallion Hickstead (Hamlet x Ekstein), ridden by Eric Lamaze for Canada, won the \$60,000 'Kubota' Big Ben Memorial Grand Prix of Ottawa, won the \$70,000 Grand Prix of Blainville, won the 1.60 m. class and placed 2nd in the the CSI5*

Spruce Meadows Calgary Grand Prix, and placed 3rd in the CSI5* Grand Prix of Aachen. Hickstead will represent Canada at the World Equestrian Games in August.

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9 July 2006

Yearling Filly by Ekstein Winning in Showing Classes Throughout Ireland

A yearling filly by Ekstein out of the mare Owen's Fancy (Diamond Lad RID x Grey Macha RID) won the yearling filly class today at the Clare County Show in Ennis. This is the third win for this filly this year (she also won at the Enistymon Show and Galway County Show); she also recorded a second place at the Athenry Show, which was a qualifier for the All-Ireland Yearling Filly Championship, and a third place at the Athlone show.

This filly was bred and is owned by Chris Whelan of County Galway.

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28 June 2006

Another Condios Progeny Qualifies for RDS Dublin 4-Year-Old Championship

Miami Star, a 4-year-old gelding by Condios out of Miss Hollymount (Duleek Hero RID x Hail Titan xx) and ridden by his owner Philip Ryan, placed 5th today in the RDS Dublin Horse Show 4-Year-Old Championship Qualifier in Tyrella, Co. Down.

This quality bay was bred by Ms. Claire Wood of Killaloe, County Clare. A full-brother to Miami Star was sold in 2003 at the Scope elite auction as a foal to England and another full-brother was sold in 2004 as a foal to County Limerick. This year Miss Hollymount is expecting a foal by Ekstein.

Condios will have three progeny competing in the RDS Dublin 4-Year-Old Championship:

Shannondale Suan (Condios x Cavalier Royale) bred by Shannondale Stud; owned by Paul Clarke; ridden by Paul O'Shea.

Roundthorn Madios (Condios x Clover Hill RID); bred by the Gleeson - McDonagh family; owned by Patricia Connors; ridden by Catherine Thornton.

Miami Star (Condios x Duleek Hero RID); bred by Claire Wood; owned and ridden by Philip Ryan.

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21 June 2006

Ulysses M2S 2nd in RDS Dublin Horse Show Qualifier in Barnadown

Ulysses M2S (Ekstein x Voltaire) jumped three clear rounds and placed 2nd out of 94 horses in today's qualifier at Barnadown for the RDS Dublin Horse Show 5-Year-Old Championship.

Under Irish international rider Clement McMahon Ulysses has now qualified for the Cavan, Millstreet, and Dublin Championships and has earned enough showjumping points in the Netherlands and Ireland to be classified Grade C by the Show Jumping Association of Ireland.

Ulysses will now enjoy a well-deserved break from competition for a couple of weeks.

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21 June 2006

Condios Progeny Roundthorn Madios Wins RDS Dublin Horse Show Qualifier in Barnadown

Roundthorn Madios, a gelding sired by Condios and out of a Clover Hill mare, and owned by Patricia Connors and produced by the very talented County Fermanagh rider Catherine Thornton, today won the RDS Dublin Horse Show 4-Year-Old Championship Qualifier at Barnadown.

Roundthorn Madios was awarded 114 points while the second place horse scored 108 points. This very talented gelding was bred by John Gleeson, his daughter Denise Gleeson McDonagh, and son-in-law Hubert McDonagh from Tuam, Co. Galway.

Progeny of Condios (Coriano x Landgraf I) have now won 2 out of 3 of this year's qualifiers for the Dublin 4-Year-Old Championship.

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18 June 2006

Ulysses M2S 3rd in Qualifier for Millstreet Lee Strand Centerpoint Championship

Ulysses M2S (Ekstein x Voltaire) jumped double-clear and placed third in yesterday's qualifier at the Galway Show for the Millstreet Lee Strand Centerpoint Championship. Only three horses jumped double-clear in this qualifier for the important Championship for five-year-old horses to be held later this summer at Millstreet's Green Glens Arena in County Cork.

In other news, four-year-old Conspiracy M2S (Condios x Corrado I) jumped double-clear today in a 90 cm class with Ryan Crumley at Barnadown. Ryan reports that Conspiracy has tremendous scope and is progressing very well.

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8 June 2006

Wang Chung M2S 4th in Cavan Loose-Jumping Championship Qualifier

Wang Chung M2S (Royal Bravour x Ahorn x Erdball xx) placed 4th out of 73 horses in the first qualifier for the 2006 Cavan Loose-Jumping Championship.

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7 June 2006

Condios Progeny Shannondale Suan Wins RDS Dublin Horse Show Qualifier at Boswell

Shannondale Suan did not live up to his name today when he woke up the crowd with an electrifying display of showjumping scope and technique (Suan is Irish for "sleep") and convincingly won the qualifier

at Boswell for the RDS Dublin Horse Show 4-Year-Old Championship with 105.67 points. No other horse broke the 100 barrier.

Shannondale Suan (Condios x Cavalier Royale) is a bay gelding owned by Paul Clarke, ridden by Paul O'Shea, and bred by Michael Walsh at Shannondale Stud.

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12 May 2006

Ulysses M2S Qualifies for Cavan 5-Year-Old Championship

Our 5-year-old approved stallion Ulysses M2S was one of five horses that qualified today for the Cavan 5-Year-Old Championship. The Championship will be held at the Cavan Equestrian Centre in September.

Clem reported that Ulysses (Ekstein x Voltaire) is so balanced in the canter, with his hind legs always under him, that he did not have to increase the speed very much in the second round jump-off. Instead Clem and Ulysses were able to shave time off the clock by using economical turns and angles to the fences.

Ulysses will have the remainder of this weekend and next weekend off from competition -- a well-deserved rest.

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7 May 2006

Ulysses M2S Jumps Clear in Three Classes At Barnadown Show

Ulysses M2S jumped at the Barnadown Show in Gorey, Co. Wexford this weekend.

On Friday he jumped double-clear in the 1.10 m. class.

On Saturday he jumped double-clear in the 1.20 m. class in the outdoor arena with an artificial surface. (I have this class on videotape.)

On Sunday Ulysses jumped double-clear in the 1.20 m. class on grass.

Clem MacMahon, the Irish international rider who is producing Ulysses this spring and summer, reported that Ulysses jumped super and he was as fresh on Sunday as he was on Friday.

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26 April 2006

Ulysses M2S Jumps in First Irish Shows

Today Ulysses M2S jumped double-clear in the 1.10 m. class at the Kill International Equestrian Centre. Clem MacMahon, Ulysses' new rider, stated that "he jumps like a rubber ball -- very elastic."

In his first show in Ireland, at the County Louth Show in Dundalk last weekend, Ulysses M2S jumped double-clear in a 1.20 m. (3' 11") class. This was Ulysses' first time jumping a 1.20 class. Clem MacMahon reported that Ulysses was easy to ride, made a very good shape over the fence, and felt very good to ride.

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16 March 2006

Ulysses M2S Places 4th in Future Stallion Competition At Zwolle

After two days of consistent showjumping Morningside Stud's 5-year-old stallion Ulysses M2S placed 4th in the final rankings of the Future Stallion Competition at the Zwolle International Show.

On the first day of competition Ulysses M2S and rider Eddie Brinkman jumped double-clear and placed 4th. On the second day Ulysses jumped clear in the first round, had an unlucky rail down in the second round, and placed 8th. In the final standings Ulysses M2S placed 4th.

Twenty-eight approved stallions competed in the Future Stallion class, representing the Anglo European, Bayern, Belgian Warmblood, Hannoverian, Holsteiner, KWPN, NRPS, Polish, Swedish Warmblood, Westfalen, and Zangersheide studbooks. Stallions representing the Anglo European Studbook won both classes and took the top four placings in the final standings (U2, Utah, Unique, and Ulysses M2S).

Ulysses M2S will travel home to Ireland next week -- the first time he has been home since 2003 -- to stand at stud and compete during the

spring and summer. Fresh chilled semen will be available for Irish clients and frozen semen for EU and USA clients.

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13 February 2006

Recent Results for Ulysses M2S

Morningside Stud's 5-year-old stallion Ulysses M2S has been competing well in the Netherlands with Eddie Brinkman. In 1.10 metre classes, Ulysses M2S jumped double-clear rounds and placed 2nd out of 40 competitors at the Gorssel show on 28 January and 3rd out of 50 competitors at the Barchem show on February 5.

Ulysses M2S (Ekstein x Voltaire) is approved by the Anglo European Studbook and will stand at stud in Ireland during the 2006 breeding season.

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31 January 2006

Condios to Stand at Stud in Ireland for the 2006 Breeding Season

Condios, Ireland's most successful approved showjumping stallion, will stand at stud in County Clare for the 2006 breeding season.

An 11-year-old bay Holsteiner owned by Morningside Stud, Condios (Coriano x Landgraf I) competed for Ireland in 2005 with World Champion rider Dermott Lennon and had excellent results in many Grand Prix and other big classes throughout continental Europe. He capped off the 2005 season by jumping double-clear and placing 4th in the Helsinki World Cup Qualifier. Although Dermott and Condios have qualified for the 2006 World Equestrian Games in Aachen, repeated requests by breeders for fresh chilled semen from Condios have led his owner, Tom Reed, to bring Condios home for the 2006 season. Condios will jump Irish Grand Prix classes this spring and summer and return to international competition when the breeding season ends.

"I am very grateful for the great job Dermott and his entire team did with Condios in 2005", Tom said. "The result in the Helsinki World Cup Qualifier and their success in many Grand Prix classes was something

very few owners get the chance to experience. Condios has proven that he can compete successfully at the highest level in showjumping and now is the time to give Irish breeders unfettered access to this fantastic stallion for the first time since 2000."

Condios is approved by the Irish Horse Board and eleven other studbooks throughout the world including the Holsteiner and Oldenburg studbooks in Germany, Belgian Warmblood, Danish Warmblood, Anglo European, and UNIRE (Italy). Condios is also Acknowledged by the KWPN so owners of Dutch mares can register their foals by Condios in the KWPN's Register A.

Further information can be obtained from Tom Reed at 087.827.4831
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