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Philatelic Postage Stamp Issue 2018 FIFA WORLD CUP RUSSIA™

On 14th June MaltaPost will issue a miniature sheet bearing one stamp marking the 2018 FIFA World Cup™.

The stamp carries a face value of €3.00 and depicts the official mascot of the event. Russia's official mascot for this event is a wolf named Zabivaka™ designed by a student, Ekaterina Bocharova. In Russian, Zabivaka™ means "*the one who scores*", a suitable name for this wolf who radiates fun, charm and confidence. Apart from promoting the event, the mascot's role is also intended to serve as an ambassador of Russia throughout the world.

The miniature sheet, designed by MaltaPost graphic designer Sean Cini measures 84mm x 84mm and bears the Maltese Cross watermark. The stamp measures 44mm x 31mm with a perforation of 13.9 x 14.00 (comb.). Printex Limited printed it in offset and the issue consists of 20,000 miniature sheets.

The miniature sheet will be available as from Thursday 14 June 2018 from all Post Offices in Malta and Gozo, online at www.maltaphilately.com or by mail from the Philatelic Bureau, MaltaPost p.l.c. 305, Qormi Road, Marsa, MTP 1001; Telephone: 2596 1740, e-mail: info@maltaphilately.com.

Ħarġa Filatelika ta' bolli għall-pustaġġ 2018 FIFA WORLD CUP RUSSIA™

Fl-14 ta' Ġunju 2018, MaltaPost se toħroġ *miniature sheet* b' bolla waħda biex tiċcelebra l-2018 FIFA World Cup™.

Il-bolla għandha valur ta' €3.00 u turi l-maskot uffiċċjali tal-2018 FIFA World Cup™. Il-Maskot uffiċċjali tar-Russja għal FIFA World Cup™ ta' din is-sena huwa lupu bl-isem ta' Zabivaka™ żviluppat minn studenta disinjattriċi Ekaterina Bocharova. L-isem Zabivaka™ jfisser 'dak li jiskorja' bir-Russu, isem xieraq għal dan il-lupu kunfidenti li jwassal messaġġ ta' ferħ. L-irwol ta' dan il-Maskot Uffiċċjali mhuwiex biss dak li jirriklama l-avveniment u jferraħ l-udjenza imma wkoll jaħdem bħala ambaxxatur għar-Russja mad-dinja kollha.

Il-*miniature sheet* li hija ddisinjata mid-*designer* tal-MaltaPost Sean Cini hija ta' daqs 84mm x 84mm. Il-bolla hija ta' daqs ta' 44mm x 31mm b' perforazzjoni ta' 13.9 x 14.0(comb.) b'watermark bis-Salib ta' Malta. Printex Ltd ipprintjat dawn il-bolli bil-metodu offset u l-ħarġa tikkonsisti f' 20,000 *miniature sheet*.

Il-*miniature sheet* se tkun għall-bejgħ minn nhar il-Ħamis 14 ta' Ġunju 2018 mill-Ferġhat Postali f' Malta u Għawdex. Ordnijiet jistgħu jsiru online fuq www.maltaphilately.com jew bil-posta mill-Bureau Filateliku, MaltaPost p.l.c. 305, Triq Ħal Qormi, Marsa, MTP 1001-Telephone 2596 1740 – email: info@maltaphilately.com