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Regarding the surfaces at SIEC. I have participated in 3 Olympic Games, 3 World Championships and 4 World Cup Finals as a competitor, and competed at major venues all over the world. Thus I feel I am qualified to comment on the footing that was redone at SIEC. It is extremely good, and very comparable to all the highly regarded surfaces on which I have ridden. Ironically, the surface in the main arena at SIEC that was originally put down for the 2000 Olympic Games was sub standard, despite being done by the then world's leading footing expert, Hermann Duckek, so the fault was not of SOCOG's, but of Hermann being unaware of the harsh Australian climate making the sub surface extremely firm. It is still a work in progress! I am appalled at the criticism levelled at the work that has subsequently been done to improve the footing, which is a major factor in producing, and maintaining, high level competition horses. I would be very happy to further clarify or discuss any points that I have made here to any member of this committee. Yours faithfully, Vicki Roycroft