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Request for grace period for COP reporting

Dear Madam, Sir,

We are well aware that the annual preparation and publication of a Communication on Progress report (COP) is a key requirement for participating in the UN Global Compact.

However, we have not yet been able to publish our COP Report as required due to the recent improvements of some of the key measures used to monitor environmental impact and communicate on environmental responsibilities to our stakeholders. Furthermore we have just integrated the COP reporting function into our Corporate Communications Department.

We apologize most sincerely for this delay and would, therefore, respectfully request a grace period in order to prepare our first COP that describes the efforts and progress we have made in implementing the ten principles of the Global Compact.

Our new COP will be posted on the Global Compact website by October 31st, 2011 at the latest. Your understanding of the situation and not listing as "non-communicating" on the public website during this grace period would be most appreciated.

Best regards,



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