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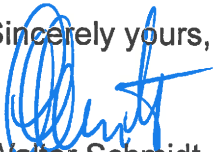
To our stakeholders:

We recognize that a key requirement for participation in the UN Global Compact is the annual preparation and posting of a Communication on Progress (COP) that comprises of a statement of continued support for the UN Global Compact, a description of practical actions with regard to the principles of the UN Global Compact, and a measurement of outcomes or expected outcomes.

We are late in creating, sharing and posting our COP report due to the date of publishing our sustainability report 2013 including the GRI index.

We hereby ask for an extension period in order to be able to post a COP that describes our company's efforts and progress to implement the principles of the UN Global Compact. Our new COP report will be posted on the UN Global Compact website by 13th of June in 2014 at the latest.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. Schmidt", written over the printed name.

Walter Schmidt

CEO, ista International GmbH