



Kilchberg, 1. March 2017

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 CEO 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 have always submitted our COP on time, however, this year, we are late in creating, sharing and posting our COP report due to:

- The inclusion of additional figures, and therefore more time needed for the verification of those figures
- The integration of Russell Stover into our sustainability reporting

Further, as we aim at publishing the COP together with the Annual Report, and the publishing date of the Annual Report varies from year to year, we want to avoid delays in submitting the COP in the next years by extending the deadline of the COP submission.

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 at the latest by April 30, 2017.

Yours sincerely,

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