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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 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 are late in creating, sharing and posting our COP report due to the merger of EXCEL with the Optimus Group. This merger creates a new large group, called HOPENING, and obliges us to consider new commitments in terms of sustainable development. We need more time to consider the new responsible purchasing and recycling policy.

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 the 10th October 2017 at the latest.

Sincerely yours,

