

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 in Progress (COP) that comprises of a CEO statement of continued support for the UN Global Compact, a description of practical action 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 following reasons we apologize:

This year we had to prepare our first non-financial declaration, our second CSR report and our second declaration of compliance with the German Sustainability Code as well as our first UN Global Compact COP simultaneously. We have undersized our time and personnel planning and are now lagging behind.

In addition, the official publication date of the management report with the nonfinancial statement is scheduled for mid-April. The approval of the committees took place only shortly before Easter, so that this also contributed to the delay.

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 2018, May 18th at the latest.

Sincerely yours

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