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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.

The deadline for submission of the annual report for 2020 is April 6. 2021. We are unfortunately late in creating, sharing and posting our COP report due to the extraordinary heavy workload and challenges in connection with the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. A large part of our staff has been forced to work at home since the outbreak of the pandemic 1 year ago.

In addition - the deadline of April 6. is the first day after the Easter holidays, when a high number of key personnel and resources for the report is unavailable. This means further complications for the preparation of the annual report.

We hereby ask for an extension period to enable us 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 June 25. 2021 at the latest.

Sincerely yours,

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