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## **Message from CTC Group President**

## **Dear CTC Group colleagues,**

2020 has been a very challenging year for all of us. Covid 19 has impacted all our lives directly, raising our fears and concerns for the safety and wellbeing of our families and friends. We have had to deal with periods of isolation and being away from loved ones, as well as in some cases unfortunately having to see loved ones suffer the pains of infection from Covid or even losing family and friends to the disease.

Throughout the year, every decision we have made was driven by our primary focus of protecting the CTC Group family and prioritizing their safety and well-being, while ensuring that we are in position to deliver our responsibilities to all our stakeholders, including end customers, suppliers and the communities in which we operate around the country. We are extremely proud of how the CTC Group family has responded to these challenges, recognizing our wider societal responsibility as the country's largest suppliers of mission-critical inputs and capital goods and our joint responsibility to meet our customers' needs and to support them in ensuring the continuation of their critical activities. We have seen many examples of CTC Group members across Sudan going above and beyond to ensure that we meet commitments under extremely challenging circumstances.

On behalf of CTC Group management I would like to express our thanks and appreciation for, and again our immense pride in, all your efforts through 2020.

2020 has also been a very challenging year for CTC on a business level. Covid 19's effect on the world economy and on the economy of Sudan has had a major impact on the cost of living and on people's lives and continues to do so. We would however like to restate our strong belief in the long term potential of Sudan and the immense development opportunities that are ahead of us following the Great Revolution and the more recent move of Sudan reintegrating back into the world economy. We believe that CTC has a great advantage, namely it's amazing, dedicated staff, and is thus very well positioned to lead in taking advantage of these development opportunities. We would thus also like to restate our continued commitment to keep investing in CTC Group businesses and CTC Group staff and continue looking for ways to offer the best possible working conditions for all CTC Group members.

Again thank you all for your efforts through 2020 and we look to more great efforts in 2021 and beyond.

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