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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 sorry to report that due to a recent restructuring in our organization, we are late in creating, sharing and posting our COP report. Please accept our sincere apologies and rest assured that promoting ideas and action for a sustainable future remains a key priority of our organisation. You will find the expression of that commitment among others on the programme website of the European Forum Alpbach 2022, where we outline four key areas that our work is committed to: (1) adapting, strengthening and reaffirming our societal and political foundations; (2) promoting the fundamental principles of democracy and the rule of law; (3) improving the livelihood, health and wellbeing of people and nature; (4) unleashing a new wave of innovation for a stronger, safer and greener Europe

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 May 15, 2022, at the latest.

Sincerely yours,

Feri Thierry Secretary-General Annamária Tóth Head, Unit Communities