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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.

Unfortunately we experienced delays in receiving critical data for our report and therefore have been obliged to push back the publication date of our sustainability report.

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 August 15, 2022** at the latest.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Reinhold Kugel