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Your Excellency,

The HALO Trust is a charity dedicated to the removal of landmines and the explosive remnants of war since 1988. HALO supports the ten principles on Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption, as outlined in the UN Global Compact. With this commitment, we express our intent to support the Global Compact advancing these principles, and will make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders and the general public.

We also pledge to participate in and engage with the UN Global Compact in the following ways:

- by committing to the elimination of corruption within our organisation;
- by continually assessing our supply chain in order to fight practices of modern slavery and exploitation;
- by committing to adopt the Children's Rights and Business principles;
- by endorsing the Women's Empowerment Principles;
- by highlighting the relevance of the Sustainable Development Goals within the mine action sector;
- by supporting action and projects within the Water Action Hub.

We recognise that a key requirement for the participation in the Global Compact is the submission of a Communication on Engagement (COE) that describes our organisation's efforts to support the implementation of the ten principles and to engage with the Global Compact. We support public accountability and transparency and therefore commit to report on progress within two years of joining the Global Compact and every two years thereafter, according to the Global Compact COE policy.

Yours sincerely,

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