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Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

## **UN Global Compact - Letter of Commitment**

I am pleased to confirm that Gowling WLG (UK) LLP supports the Ten Principles of the United Nations Global Compact on human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. With this communication, we express our intent to implement those principles. We are committed to making the UN Global Compact and its principles part of the strategy, culture and day-to-day operations of our firm, and to engage in collaborative projects, which advance the broader development goals of the United Nations, particularly the Sustainable Development Goals. Gowling WLG (UK) LLP will make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders and the general public.

We recognize that a key requirement for participation in the UN Global Compact is the annual submission of a Communication on Progress (COP) that describes our firm's efforts to implement the Ten Principles. We support public accountability and transparency, and therefore commit to report on progress within one year of joining the UN Global Compact, and annually thereafter according to the UN Global Compact COP policy. This includes:

- A statement signed by the chief executive expressing continued support for the UN Global Compact
  and renewing our ongoing commitment to the initiative and its principles. This is separate from our
  initial letter of commitment to join the UN Global Compact.
- A description of practical actions (i.e. disclosure of any relevant policies, procedures, activities) that
  the company has taken (or plans to undertake) to implement the UN Global Compact principles in
  each of the four issue areas (human rights, labour, environment, anti-corruption).
- A measurement of outcomes (i.e. the degree to which targets/performance indicators were met, or other qualitative or quantitative measurements of results).

Our commitment to support the principles of the UN Global Compact is in partnership with Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP. Both entities will be joining the UN Global Compact independently and will produce separate COPs.

Yours sincerely

**David Fennell** 

CEO, Gowling WLG (UK) LLP