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Dear Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that Meerlanden supports the Ten Principles of the United Nations Global Compact on human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. With this letter, 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 company. We will engage in collaborative projects which advance the broader development goals of the United Nations, particularly the Sustainable Development Goals.

Meerlanden is a company owned by eight municipalities in the Netherlands. Every day we try to contribute to an inclusive and circular society. We do so by offering services in waste collection, maintenance of public spaces and production of bio based products and bio-energy. We have therefor a long-term view on our position and responsibilities within the society. Today and for the next generations. Our core values are in line with the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact and the ambition of the SDG's for 2030. We 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 company'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 that Meerlanden has taken to implement the UN Global Compact principles in each of the four issue areas human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. In fact, we will also use the SDG's to structure this approach and to communicate within and outside our company;
- A measurement of outcomes will be part of our Communication on Progress.

Yours sincerely,



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