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Dear Mr Secretary-General

Rotorua Lakes Council Commitment to UN Global Compact

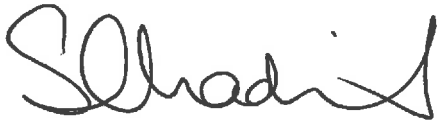
I am pleased to confirm that Rotorua Lakes Council supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. With this commitment, we express our intent to support the Global Compact advancing these principles, and will make a clear statement 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:

1. We will implement and promote the ten principles of the UN Global Compact in the management and administration of the city or region; through ensuring new and revised policies and programmes are assessed in light of the principles.
2. We will support businesses and other stakeholders in establishing or implementing sustainability initiatives that are transparent and beneficial to our community; through our relationship with The Rotorua Sustainable Business Charter as well as our work in partnership with our community.
3. In the first two years, we will develop a sustainable living strategy for our city that incorporates the ecological, economic, political, and cultural dimensions of the city or region's sustainability.
4. We will acknowledge participation in the Global Compact publicly and promote the initiative and the ten principles within the city's sphere of influence; beginning with our announcement at the New Zealand Local Government Conference in July 2015.
5. We will engage in Global Compact Local Network activities.
6. We will utilise assessment tools and methodologies developed by the Global Compact Cities Programme in the development and implementation of our sustainable living strategy, and share knowledge and innovations developed with the use of these tools.
7. We will work towards engaging at the Leading and Innovating levels of the Global Compact Cities Programme; informed by our sustainable living strategy.

We recognise that a key requirement for 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 year* of joining the Global Compact and *every two years* thereafter according to the Global Compact COE policy.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Chadwick', with a stylized, flowing script.

Hon Steve Chadwick JP
Mayor