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H.E. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General

United Nations New York, NY 10017 USA

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I would like to take this opportunity to notify you that the World Bamboo Organization supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labor, 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 way(s): in particular, the World Bamboo Organization wishes to collaborate with UN Global Compact partners. We wish to expand our network by engaging more actively with the UN Global Compact partners, and we want to encourage our members to join the UN Global Compact. We wish to organize learning and dialogue events, workshops and training for our members on the UN Global Compact and specific topics relevant to corporate sustainability. We feel it is very important to engage our members in collective actions and partnerships on key UN goals and issues in collaboration with the UN Global Compact. In addition, we feel it is vital for us to join forces with the UN Global Compact to advocate the business case for key corporate citizenship issues to policymakers and the public.

At World Bamboo, we strive to provide the realities, the truth and the potentials of bamboo. We understand the complexities of bamboo as a renewable resource. While promoting the potential sustainability of bamboo, we also acknowledge “inconvenient truths” such as the challenge of certifying best management practices, chain of custody, and workers safety in the manufacturing of bamboo products, etc. We want to be active in developing sector-specific tools and resources on corporate sustainability issues in collaboration with the UN Global Compact. Our members are focused on bamboo, and together we can provide targeted expertise on many aspects of bamboo to the UN Global Compact working groups and develop special initiatives.

We are dedicated to promoting the use of bamboo and bamboo products for the sake of the environment and economy. By bringing together local and regional bamboo people and creating mechanisms for global communications, the WBO’s goal is to facilitate the development of new partnerships and alliances to advance the causes of bamboo and furthering the efforts of bamboo practitioners worldwide. We play a crucial networking role by connecting people for useful collaborations on all things related to bamboo, and participating in the UN Global Compact seems a logical and effective thing for us to do.

We recognize that a key requirement for participation in the Global Compact is the submission of a Communication on Engagement (COE) that describes our organization’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.

Sincerely,

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*The mission of the World Bamboo Organization is to promote and support the use of bamboo as a sustainable and alternative natural resource through the development of partnerships and alliances, and the creation of mechanisms for global communication, information exchange, and technology transfer. We are a United States tax-exempt 501c6 organization.*