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To our stakeholders:

We recognise that a key requirement for non-business participants in the UN Global Compact is the bi-annual preparation and posting of a Communication on Engagement (COE) that comprises of a CEO statement of continued support for the UN Global Compact, a description of practical actions with regard to the principles of the UN Global Compact, and a measurement of outcomes or expected outcomes.

We are late in creating, sharing and posting our COE report due to the unexpected absence of senior staff brought about by unforeseen circumstances. This has meant we have had to focus on delivering key projects, notably the EU Taxonomy for Sustainable Activities https://ec.europa.eu/info/publications/sustainable-finance-teg-taxonomy_en and the development of a buildings passport, and green mortgages for delivery at COP26.

We hereby ask for an extension period in order to be able to post a COE that describes our organisation's efforts and progress to implement and disseminate the principles of the UN Global Compact, especially in relation to the projects mentioned above. Our new COE report will be posted on the UN Global Compact website by 24 April 2020 at the latest.

Sincerely yours,

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