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Acorn Agri & Food: Notice Regarding Coronavirus

Dear shareholders

As we enter into uncharted waters and adapt to the impact brought on by COVID-19, we would like to share the steps we're taking in response to the outbreak in South Africa. At this stage, we do not intend to close down any of our facilities, but rather, take the necessary precautions to mitigate the spread of the Coronavirus across our group companies. As per Government's instructions, we are:

- Training our employees to adopt even greater hygienic practices. We have made hand sanitiser available at the entrance of every building for both our employees and clients.
- Insisting that all business-related international travel be postponed or cancelled, and local air and road travel be limited to business critical. In addition, travelling to other provinces, cities and towns is also strongly discouraged.
- Encouraging social distancing by limiting gatherings (whether social or work-related), to business critical. Employees have been instructed to communicate with suppliers, colleagues and clients telephonically or via other electronic communication mediums like Skype, Zoom or Microsoft Teams.
- Isolating employees who are infected/likely to be infected.

We regard the safety of our stakeholders to be of utmost importance, which is why we will continue to take extra precautions across all of our stores, factories and offices in line with the very best information and expert advice available. While the Coronavirus is something new for us all, we are confident that we will overcome this together.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any additional information.

Thank you for your continued support.

Regards
André Uys
Chief Executive Officer
Acorn Agri & Food

Geagte aandeelhouders

Terwyl ons die onbekende ingaan en aanpas by die impak wat die uitbraak van die COVID-19 gebring het, deel ons graag met u die stappe wat ons neem in reaksie op die uitbreek van die virus in Suid-Afrika. Op die stadium beplan ons nie om enige van ons fasiliteite te sluit nie, maar wel die nodige voorsorgmaatreëls te tref om die verspreiding van die Koronavirus te beperk regoor die Groep se maatskappye. In opdrag van die regering doen ons die volgende:

- Personeel word opgelei om strenger higiëniese praktyke toe te pas. Ons het hand saniteermiddels beskikbaar gestel by die ingange van al ons geboue, vir beide personeel en kliënte.
- Alle internasionale besigheidsverwante reise is uitgestel of gekanselleer, en alle plaaslike lug- en padreise word beperk tot aangeleenthede wat kritiek is vir die besigheid. As bykomende maatreël, word reise na ander provinsies, stede en dorpe sterk ontmoedig.
- Ons ontmoedig sosiale interaksie, deur byeenkomste (sosiaal of werkverwant) te beperk tot geleenthede wat krities belangrik vir die besigheid is. Personeel het opdrag ontvang om met verskaffers, kollegas en kliënte telefonies of per alternatiewe elektroniese kommunikasiemediums soos Skype, Zoom of Microsoft Teams, te kommunikeer.
- Die isolasie van personeel wat besmet is of waarskynlik besmet is.

Ons beskou die veiligheid van ons belanghebbendes as uiters belangrik, en daarom sal ons voortgaan om bykomende maatreëls te tref in al ons winkels, fabriek en kantore in ooreenstemming met die beskikbare beste inligting en kundige advies. Alhoewel die Koronavirus vir ons almal nuut is, is ons vol vertroue dat ons dit saam sal oorkom.

Moet asseblief nie huiwer om my te kontak indien u enige verdere inligting benodig nie.

Dankie vir u volgehoue ondersteuning.

Vriendelike groete
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