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Dear Global Compact Participant,

Following our letter dated 1st December 2007 on the subject of the upcoming 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) on 10 December 2008, we received many requests for further information about what can be done to help mark the occasion, as well as enquiries about guidance materials to help with implementation of human rights.

We are thus writing to offer some further ideas for what your company and Global Compact Local Network might wish to do to help raise awareness and encourage implementation of the UDHR. You might in fact recall that the first two Global Compact principles are derived from the UDHR. We also have included information about guidance materials.

As a business, you have the potential to help mark the 60th Anniversary in any number of ways best suited to your particular operations. We enclose a list of suggestions in this regard.

Further materials and information on the 60th anniversary of the UDHR, and how to commemorate it are available on the following websites:

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/UDHR/Pages/60UDHRIntroduction.aspx>

www.un.org/events/humanrights/udhr60

http://www.unglobalcompact.org/Issues/human_rights/UDHR_60th.html

We look forward to working with you to support and promote the human rights embodied in the UDHR as we celebrate this important anniversary. The UN Global Compact Office and Global Compact Human Rights Working Group stand ready to help you and your Local Network. Please contact Ursula Wynhoven (wynhoven@un.org) for further information.

Yours sincerely,

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