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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

After it first manifested itself in China at the end of 2019, the corona virus began to spread globally during recent weeks. Many countries have meanwhile implemented measures in an effort to contain or at least slow down the further spreading of the virus. Due to the high risk of contagion and the higher mortality rate in comparison to normal influenza, a real threat to the health of the general population exists.

Currently the focus of the most infections is in China, South Korea and Italy. All three of these countries, and China in particular, play an important role in the supply chain for the rubber industry. Apart from the fact that the current situation has led to some delays in the production of raw materials, problems with transport, especially by sea, are becoming increasingly apparent.

PTE has analysed the current supply situation in detail and is in close contact with all main suppliers in order to identify any eventual threats or issues in the supply chain, and, wherever possible, to implement effective counter-measures. Until now we have not experienced any serious supply issues, however, we assume that in the medium-term the supply chain will be impacted. Any impact on your product range is unfortunately difficult to forecast at this juncture.

The world is currently experiencing a spreading pandemic. The measures implemented by various countries are to be respected and all companies have a duty to prevent any avoidable risks to the health of their employees. The responsibility for any possible delays or shortages in the supply chain can therefore not be assumed by any individual company. We would like to make it clear that PTE is not prepared to entertain any demand for costs whatsoever which may arise from causes linked to the corona virus epidemic.

With kind regards



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