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**To whom it may concern**

As of the first case reported from Wuhan, China, on 31 December 2019 for the outbreak of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) our world has been experiencing an ongoing uncertainty. Consequently, on 24 January 2020, the Government of Israel started taking measures in order to avoid and limit the outbreak of coronavirus in Israel. Those efforts are essential for keeping the safety and health of the citizens of Israel.

This situation naturally affects economic activity all around the world to a certain degree. However, the Israeli economy has demonstrated exceptional strength to withstand the challenges posed in recent years and Israel's thriving industries continue to stand firm in the face of adverse challenges.

Thus Israeli Industry, under the restrictions and measures of Israel's Ministry of Health, is making all effort to continue its operations in order to meet customer needs in Israel and abroad. Businesses and factories exposed to infected or quarantined employees, continue to operate despite the current conditions.

Israeli government authorities have taken all the necessary measures in order to assure the constant flow of merchandise in and out of the country and to ensure the continued functioning of the business sectors. The logistics and transportation infrastructure (flights and sea ports) are operational. Local and foreign shipping companies continue their regular shipping schedules.

Supported by strong macroeconomic fundamentals, effective regulatory bodies, and a high degree of innovation and creativity, the Israeli economy has learned to endure and even thrive in times of crisis.

Sincerely,

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