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Dear members and business partners,

The outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19) spreading to all continents, presents a special challenge for all of us around the world.

In the view of the upcoming IDC 2020 scheduled for June 8 – June 10, we would like to give you an update on the current status of the event and the measures we are taking to ensure that the IDC can take place in a safe and productive environment.

With IDC 2020 planned to take place in June (three months away), our IDC team continues all necessary preparations for the upcoming event according to the original schedule.

At present, we are monitoring the development as a top priority and are optimistic that the IDC 2020 will be held in NYC as previously planned.

Should the situation continue to deteriorate significantly within the next 30 days and the installed travel bans be extended, we will consider to postpone or to cancel the event.

At the moment, please be assured that our primary concern is the health and wellbeing of our attendees and that we are fully committed to making your IDC experience as safe as possible.

Measures we are taking:

- Our IDC team remains in close contact with our partners in New York City (the conference hotel, conference speakers, venue providers, transportation agents as well as our event agency) to ensure our attendees' safety. As an "invitation-only" event, the IDC will be accessible for an exclusive circle of our member brokers and insurance carriers only. No external guests will be given access to any of the events within the scope of the IDC 2020.
- Our main conference hotel 1 Hotel Brooklyn Bridge as well as the teams of "Atlantica" and Rockefeller Center are armed with all the support they need to keep our attendees healthy, whilst working with local authorities and following the guidelines of World Health Organization (WHO).
- The IDC 2020 will also have trained medical professionals on-site during the entire event to ensure our attendees receive first-class care in case of an emergency.

We would like to sincerely thank all our sponsors for their ongoing support and trust they place in our organization and in our IDC.

With already more than 200 registered delegates, the IDC 2020, supported by the major insurance carriers, again promises to become a premium event of our industry. We are currently completing the preparations for the networking events and finalizing the last details with respect to the conference program. To date, we have not experienced any effects of the virus on the event production.

We take the health and safety of our attendees and team members very seriously and will continue to monitor the situation daily.

If you have any questions regarding the upcoming IDC or require any further details on the current status, please kindly contact

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We appreciate your support during this challenging time and are looking forward to welcoming you to the IDC 2020 in New York City.

With kind regards from Hamburg,

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