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The last weeks have seen developments in many countries, which have been very difficult to foresee. The pandemic spreading of novel coronavirus-COVID19 is very serious for everybody involved. Governments take action to slow down the spreading of the virus to take away pressure from health care services and personnel, as WHO and local health authorities urge us to take precautions to fight the spreading.

Companies around the globe are also engaged in a direct battle to keep their operations running in this extraordinary situation. At BHJ, we take our role in society very seriously. Bringing important meat and fish products to the market, we are part of the global food eco-system and included on the lists of essential businesses in countries worldwide. As we source and handle raw material side streams from the food industry, we are a key factor in keeping the critical food supply chain running in society.

As millions of people will have to stay at home and limit their outside activities, we have to make sure we care for their pets by continuing to provide healthy pet food products and services. BHJ's continued flow of top-quality animal proteins is essential to do this. At the same time, we are focused on securing our deliveries of premium meat and fish products to the global food markets.

At present, we are sourcing the same raw material volumes as normal, and we are happy to see that our customers are buying from us as agreed. Over the past weeks, we have taken several initiatives to protect our employees and to keep our operations running. All BHJ companies have done contingency planning following the directions of local authorities, we have stopped all business travel, no non-critical guests visit our locations, all employees who can are working from home, etc. Our list of initiatives is long, and we will not hesitate to take further action, if and when the situation demands it.

We observe the situation closely and continue to follow the directions of local governments as well as the recommendations of WHO and local health care authorities. Also, we will continue to battle the consequences of novel coronavirus-COVID19 spreading in open dialogue and close cooperation with our suppliers and customers.

Best regards,

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