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Session held on the margins of 2020 United Nations General Assembly

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

8:00AM to 10:00AM (New York City Time – Please translate to local time when distributing this to your network)

Two hourlong virtual sessions:

- Session 1 - “COVID-19 Occupational Safety and Health Lessons Learned” facilitated by Dr Nikki McCullough, Head of Regulatory and Technical Services at 3M PSD
- Session 2 - “COVID-19 and the New Normal” facilitated by Dr John Pournoor, Global 3M Government Affairs Center of Excellence

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AGENDA

- 7:30AM Panelist portal opens on virtual platform
- 8:00AM Welcome remarks from Mr. Peter Tichansky, President & CEO, BCIU - Introduction of **3M**
- 8:03AM Opening remarks by Dr. Denise Rutherford, Senior Vice President, Corporate Affairs, **3M**
- 8:08AM Opening remarks by **International Labour Organization** (TBC)

8:13AM Opening remarks from Mr. Roberto Suárez Santos, Secretary-General, **International Organization of Employers**

8:18AM Introduction of Panel Discussion 1 “COVID-19 Occupational Safety and Health Lessons Learned” and Moderator

Panel Description:

Life is precious. We all want our loved ones to be safe. The COVID-19 pandemic has made health care workers’ safety and health a national and international priority. Additionally, new challenges have arisen as we move into a ‘New Normal’ and companies and governments are faced with health and safety challenges of protecting workers returning to work as well as the dramatic increase in working remotely. In this pandemic, countries and health systems have learned precious lessons regarding Health Care Worker protection, Essential Worker Protection and Supply Chain Challenges to obtaining much needed personal safety equipment. Safely opening businesses and industry has necessitated additional considerations for personal protection. Governments recognize that we live in a just-in-time production and just-in-time consumption system. In such a system when there is a dramatic rise in demand, supplies and manufacturing often have a lag time to keep pace, even if additional capacity has been kept in reserve and activated quickly. There are lessons to be learned by governments and industry. Panelists will share their insights in this session.

Panel Discussion moderated by Nikki McCullough, Global Technical Services and Regulatory Manager, **3M PSD**:

- **International Commission on Occupational Health:** Dr. Sergio Iavicoli, Secretary General

- **World Health Organization:** Dr. Maria Neira, Director, Department of Public Health, Environmental and Social Determinants of Health
- **International Labour Organization:** Mr. Joaquim Pintado Nunes, Chief, Labour Administration, Labour Inspection and Occupational Safety and Health Branch Governance and Tripartism Department

8:58AM Panel Discussion 1 Q&A
 9:10AM Introduction of Panel Discussion 2 “COVID-19 and the New Normal” and Panel

Panel Description:

Additional lessons learned relate to continued challenges in worker safety, pandemic preparedness, and regulatory and supply chain infrastructure. Public and private partnerships are essential for improving worker health and safety. With regard to pandemic and emergency preparedness, we have seen that access to products that are within the sovereign borders of a country are most reliable as the nation responds. Therefore, in the new normal, we must continue to work towards overall worker health and safety. Stockpiling essential goods is a prerequisite for national preparedness. Many countries have identified PPE that may be readily available in normal times, but in times of scarcity – as in the current pandemic – may be hard to procure. Countries are well served to open their procurement to all available products that conform and are certified to other global requirements to maximize their opportunity to procure needed materials from all available sources.

Panel Discussion moderated by John Pournoor, Global Head, Government Affairs, Center of Excellence, **3M**:

- **International Organization of Employers:** Mr. Matthias Thorns, Deputy Secretary-General

9:50AM Panel Discussion 2 Q&A
 10:00AM Closing Remarks
 10:05AM Program Conclusion