

UPDATE ABOUT OUR CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AT BERTLING LOGISTICS

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CORONA REMAINS A GLOBAL THREAT

We hope this message finds you well and healthy. As expected, the coronavirus pandemic continues to impact our business and private lives also throughout 2021. While some countries have started to reopen and lower restrictions as a result of successful vaccination programs, other countries, like India, are just in between their highest number of corona virus infections. This is why Covid-19 continues to impact economies, companies and the lives of people in many countries while also continues to impact on global supply chains and logistics operations, too.

While global vaccination programs continue to commence across the nations, many people are still confronted with rising coronavirus infection numbers in their countries, fear, new lockdown regulations and increased distancing and safety measures while waiting for their turn to get vaccinated.

Also the newly discovered mutated versions of the virus remain an ongoing concern, but we have sincere trust, believe and high hopes in the medical sector, all vaccine producers and scientists out there to find the best way to continue to battle against this global virus.

OUR APPROACH AT BERTLING – SAFETY FIRST

All our previously announced home and office work, business continuity and safety/ distancing measures and plans we rolled out in the past year, remain in place and are closely followed by all our offices. We are in regular contact and exchange with our local teams and address the local challenges on case to case basis. Our ultimate objective remains the ultimate safety and health of our employees.

Our operational divisions around the globe are heavily involved in supporting construction, mining, infrastructure, energy and other crucial manufacturing sectors, and therefore business must move on to ensure that global supply chains keep moving. **Therefore, we are happy to inform that our global offices remain operational with our local experts being reachable via mobile and emails. Also going forward, we remain confident about our ability to service our worldwide customers – but still mainly on a virtual basis.**

In doing so, all our corporate business travel restrictions for meetings, sales visits and events remain unchanged until further notice as well as regulations on hygiene, quarantine and sickness in line with local regulations and advice. While most of our employees continue to work from home or on rotation basis with others, we have created robust Covid-19-secure office environments for those employees, who are still required to go to the office to minimize potential exposure and to ensure the protection of our staff.

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We keep looking positive towards the future and are convinced that if all people contribute their part to combat this virus while remaining responsible, patient and positive, that we will succeed and overcome this crisis.

Also driven by the impact of this pandemic and the essential role of the logistics sector to keep supply chains operating, we have started various IT and digitalization projects at Bertling and are sure that this global crisis will also lead to new business models, logistics solutions, transportation services and further supply chain innovations. Global supply chains need to become more flexible, resilient and disruptive-resistant to faster adapt to changes like volume fluctuation and unforeseen events to increase efficiency, transparency and productivity – and we will make this a focus at Bertling in 2021 and beyond.

We see it as a major task of all players in the logistics industry to drive the digitalization trend forward. With the support of latest technology, the know-how and dedication of our employees and openness to change, we can all make a difference to be better prepared for crises like the current one in the future.

THANK-YOU

Last but not least we would like to thank our global employees for their hard work and continuous support throughout this crisis. We have found a way to stick together while being away from each other and are proud that everybody truly supports and closely follows the safety measures and regulations we put in place.

Let's jointly overcome this crisis, get vaccinated and let's continue to offer our valued customers the same high level of services they know so well from Bertling based on maximum supply chain efficiency.

Kind regards,



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