

Statement of the management on the Corona Pandemic

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Dear customers,
dear business partners and friends of alpha metall and the alpha metall Group

The global spread of the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) was declared a pandemic by the WHO on 11 March 2020. It is an extremely dynamic and serious viral disease worldwide, including in Germany. In some cases, the course of the disease is very severe; even fatal disease progressions are increasing sharply.

The number of cases is increasing daily. Worldwide, about 2 million people are currently infected, 132,000 of them in Germany. The mortality rate worldwide is about 6.4%, in Germany 2.6% (source: Johns Hopkins University / JHU).

At alpha metall and in our Group companies, we significantly expanded hygiene standards at the beginning of March and provided our employees with comprehensive information. All operations were closed to external visitors. Necessary services such as postal services, parcel services or forwarding agents are handled contact-free.

In doing so, we follow the recommendations of the federal and state governments and the guidelines of the Robert Koch Institutes (RKI).

Our employees work at a distance, if possible also in home office. We have temporarily suspended field service visits. Nevertheless, our availability is guaranteed for you without any gaps.

This unprecedented pandemic is also being taken very seriously in our global supply plants. And there, too, the health of the people is the focus of attention.

Currently, some of our suppliers have had to accept state-ordered plant closures. Thanks to good pre-planning, very adequate pre-scheduling and extensive stocks in our distribution companies, we have been able to meet all delivery commitments to date. Should this change temporarily, we will inform you immediately.

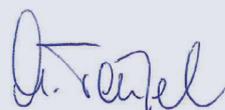
The business model of the alpha metall Group is based, in addition to the classic values and services, on the cooperative and resilient relationships with our clients. As an owner-managed medium-sized company, people are the focus of our daily business. We take your needs seriously - especially in the currently very tense times.

Let us, especially now, maintain intensive contact and exchange with each other and stay healthy.

With kind regards,



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