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Dear GBC Members and Friends,

As many of you know, earlier this year GBC took a strategic decision to add tuberculosis and malaria to our agenda. This decision was taken with the encouragement of many GBC members and partners and with the full support of our Board of Directors and staff.

Adding TB and malaria is a major, though natural, step in the life of GBC and speaks to our broader commitment to work with member companies, NGOs, governments and international organizations to protect employees, their families and communities against the threat of infectious disease. In the process, we will save millions of lives, build stronger economies and support human rights and the development of stronger civil societies.

Central to our decision is the fact that GBC serves, proudly, as the focal point for the Private Sector Delegation to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria. In order to help the Global Fund and its corporate partners fully realize the potential of collaboration, GBC is seizing this opportunity to expand our areas of expertise and service to both the Fund and our members.

The devastating interconnections between HIV, TB and malaria are all too familiar to anyone who cares about the developing world. Malaria is the biggest killer of children under five in Africa, and every 30 seconds an African child dies of malaria. Together, AIDS and malaria take the lives of over four million people every year. Tuberculosis is the leading killer of people infected with HIV. Worldwide, 14 million people are co-infected with HIV and TB; in some African regions, 75% of TB patients are HIV-infected. New strains of drug resistant TB are rapidly emerging in many countries, including Eastern Europe and the CIS.

You'll note that GBC has already changed our name and adapted our logo to officially signal the broadening of our mission. To help keep you informed about our efforts, about the business response to malaria and TB and about ways your company can engage, we are pleased to provide you with two new GBC websites, [www.businessfightsmalaria.org](http://www.businessfightsmalaria.org) and [www.businessfightstb.org](http://www.businessfightstb.org). In these sites you will find up-to-date information on malaria and TB, respectively and links to other important resources. You will also find impressive case studies of GBC member companies' programs in the fight against these two diseases. Next spring, as part of a broader restructuring of our website, the three diseases will be fully integrated into one web space.

GBC will move forward on TB and malaria with determination and in anticipation of adding value and serving as a strong partner to other organizations already doing excellent work in these fields. We are proud to serve as a founding member of [Malaria No More](http://www.malaria.no.more), a dynamic new NGO working to mobilize broad public commitments among Americans in the fight against Malaria. We look forward to collaborating with many other partners and programs as we go forward.

As the Global Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GBC), we will continue our fight against HIV/AIDS in full force, recognizing that it is the most devastating disease in human history. By effectively integrating TB and malaria we are convinced that our ability to help member companies protect and care for their employees and families will only grow stronger. We look forward to your partnership in this important work.

Sincerely,

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