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Greetings Everyone:

I trust you are all keeping well. It is with immense regret that Thompson Management Consulting, LLC announces the postponement of BEES 2020, the 1st Annual Black Entrepreneurship Empowerment Summit and ESBS 2020, the 7th Annual Entrepreneurship and Small Business Summit, as a result of the growing concerns from the COVID-19 Coronavirus and the rising number of individuals becoming infected. Both events were scheduled on May 2nd and May 7th respectively, during National Small Business Week 2020, but are now postponed as a result of the spreading Coronavirus. We wish to take heed of strong advice from various health organizations and keeping your safety first.

Please know that we have considered this decision after exhausting all conversation with event coordinators and planners of other events and following daily reports from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and World Health Organization (WHO). There are events I planned to attend, which are now being cancelled. We place the concerns of our attendees, speakers, exhibitors and all stakeholders who play a significant role in this effort in absolute high regard. In contemplating this decision, we recognize the need for precaution and witnessed the postponement or cancellation of international and domestic air travel, coordination of events, and how we are managing our interaction in public spaces, especially moving among large crowds.

At this time, we do not have a resumption date for the events, but we will be monitoring developments and remaining mindful of advisement from credible health organizations before rescheduling. This is a tough time for so many, as there are over 100,000 cases globally, 5 in Georgia, more than 298 cases with over 15 deaths reported in the nation, and these statistics are expected to grow before the rise in infections can be curtailed and a cure found. It has been dubbed “the flu on steroids”, and it is spreading. We respect the work of our healthcare professionals and respect those who have been loyal to the ESBS, and newly planned BEES event.

We will keep you abreast of all developments via the monthly Empowered Business Journal and on both websites, www.tmconsultingllc.com and www.b2bconference.net. Thank you all for your understanding and please stay alert and vigilant to what is going on.

Yours Respectfully,

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