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To FAMA Board and Membership

Much has happened in the world since the start of the New Year and we have received a number of questions in recent week regarding this year's INTERSCHUTZ, occurring June 20-25, in Hannover, Germany. With that we would like to be sure that you are well informed and have the most accurate information.

Is the event happening? Yes! INTERSCHUTZ will take place as a live, in-person event. Only an unforeseen health challenge prohibiting the event from being held would prevent it.

COVID-19 Precautions – what do we need to know? While proof of vaccination or proof of recovery from COVID-19 are requirements to enter Germany, the requirements to enter the halls at the INTERSCHUTZ will be that you wear a FFP2 mask. Masks are not required while you are outside and walking outside between the exhibit halls. Any changes to these protocols will be shared as soon as they are announced.

Participation at INTERSCHUTZ -what will it be like? Some areas of the world are still working to manage the COVID caseloads within their country, so there are some countries we expect may have lighter attendance than in previous years. Parts of China continue to struggle to manage infection rates. For those areas, or for anyone that cannot attend, there will be digital aspects of the event available to them. With that said, INTERSCHUTZ 2022 will be a live, in-person event.

How has the situation in Ukraine affected INTERSCHUTZ? All of us at Deutsche Messe AG are proud of the part we have been able to play in providing a temporary shelter and housing for a number of refugees leaving Ukraine. Shelter is currently set up in some of the exhibit halls on the fairgrounds. These temporary shelters will no longer be in use, and will be removed, in advance of the set up for our HANNOVER MESSE event, which is being held May 30-June 2 (two weeks prior to INTERSCHUTZ)

Where will the refugees go? The refugees will be transported to more appropriate, comfortable, accommodations in Hannover and the surrounding areas. This will include available private residence and hotels.

Will refugees be housed in the hotel I am staying in? They will not. They will be housed in dedicated hotels that can best meet their needs.

Have any exhibitors left the show? Magirus und MAN has shared with us that they will not be able to exhibit at this year's event. The team is working closely with Ziegler as they have shared that they may not be exhibiting. We are happy to share that Rosenbauer not only is continuing to exhibit but has also increased their marketing efforts to promote the show to other exhibitors, their suppliers, and customers, as are many other exhibiting companies. Furthermore, we are happy to enjoy the continued support of companies like Scania, Volkswagen, BAI, Draeger and many others. With over 1000



exhibitors and an extensive supporting program, INTERSCHUTZ continues to be the undisputed leading event in the industry worldwide.

Our company feels uneasy doing business – celebrating – amidst the challenges the Ukrainians in Hannover are facing currently. What is your feeling about this? Deutsche Messe AG (our parent company), the City of Hannover and the State of Niedersachsen (our ownership), remain committed to both addressing and helping with the humanitarian crisis that exist with refugees from the Ukraine, and our obligation to the health and safety of the fire service globally in gathering for INTERSCHUTZ, and intends to serve both in a successful, respectful way.

If you, or any of your team, have further questions or want to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Stay safe and thank you for your continued support!

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