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Dear Ellen,

Thank you for the opportunity to continue to dialogue regarding the situation in Darfur and GE's sponsorship of the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China. GE appreciates your efforts and understands that the humanitarian issues in the region are tragic and require prompt resolution. We differ, however, on the approach to addressing this tragedy and, therefore, have chosen not to complete your questionnaire as requested. Allow me to elaborate.

Let me start by acknowledging that the violence and brutality committed against people in the Darfur region is appalling. No good citizen, corporate or otherwise, can condone that violence. However, we believe the conditions and circumstances that have created it can only be addressed by the cumulative effort of many governments, companies, activist groups and individuals, working in their own ways to address the issues.

GE does have a role to play in Darfur, and it is one we take seriously. In our direct sphere of responsibility, GE makes humanitarian medical equipment available in the region but has ceased doing all non-humanitarian business in Sudan. In addition, in December 2006, the GE Foundation made \$2 million in humanitarian aid grants to CARE, UNICEF and International Medical Corps to aid with food, shelter and medical treatment for thousands of refugees in regional camps. We have and will continue to comply with all international and United States laws and regulations regarding business in the region.

We agree that there must be a solution and a cessation of violence in Darfur. The need for attention and diplomacy on difficult issues such as this has never been greater. Because the situation in Darfur is linked to complex international relations issues, we believe, as does the International Olympic Committee (IOC), that the primary platform for a resolution in Darfur is at a United Nations (UN) and government level.

There is a constructive role for corporations and NGOs as it relates to this issue, but there are differences in approach, accountability and responsibilities. Our experience tells us that public corporations must tread very carefully when affairs of state are involved, lest our good intentions have an effect very different from the one we intend. We appreciate and respect the role that advocacy groups play in highlighting issues in the public forum. In this way, they

are able bring insight and information to bear in focusing public, governmental and corporate attention on critical issues. GE also appreciates the value of quiet diplomacy, away from the spotlight, as a means of constructive conflict resolution. We hope that you understand our perspective on this issue just as we understand yours.

We believe in the Olympic movement and the power of the Games to bring people from all over the world together with hope and optimism. During even the darkest of times, the Olympics have represented the best in human spirit and have provided an opportunity for nations to come together in peace and goodwill. As a proud sponsor, we believe in the spirit of the Olympics Games, and the global attention they bring can have many positive influences beyond the sports arena.

We do take the situation in Darfur seriously and will continue to use our resources and influence in the way we feel is the most effective. We look forward to continued dialogue, and to a broad solution to a problem that is beyond the individual reach of any one of us involved but which is meaningfully promoted by our respective undertakings.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to respond.

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