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Dear Valued BSTEP Stakeholders

The Annual BSTEP Black Excellence Gala Dinner, which is scheduled to take place on the 22nd November 2019, has been postponed to the 26th March 2020.

It goes without saying, this has been a tough financial year for the country and as a result, this has had an impact on how businesses have had to allocate their financial resources. This unfortunately has affected our ability to secure enough sponsorship to host the Black Excellence Gala Dinner this year on 22 November 2019. However, engagements are still underway with various stakeholders who have committed to supporting the event next year. Additionally, through several stakeholder engagements, potential sponsors have shown interest in supporting the BSTEP cause in the 2020/2021 financial year.

As an organization, we understand that this is an inconvenience to our members and guests who had already made the financial commitment to attend the event. We therefore would like to propose the following options:

- (a) Request BSTEP to reserve the funds for the event on the new date. Paid Guests and members can then attend the event on 26 March 2020.
- (b) Request a refund. BSTEP will refund (in full) any monies received from paid guests who do not wish to attend the event.

Please note: no response automatically means you request BSTEP to reserve funds (Option A)

On behalf of BSTEP, we profusely apologize for the inconvenience once again. We sincerely hope that on the 26th March 2020, we can all come together as students, entrepreneurs and professionals to network and celebrate the work of South African Black trailblazers in science, engineering, technology and innovation.

Hope to see you there

Yours sincerely,

Mpho Madisha (Mr), Chairperson of the board

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