European Investment Casters' Federation

-Chairman: Virgilio Oliveira

EICF Membership

31 March 2020

Subject: Covid-19 pandemic

Dear EICF Member:

For most of us, these last days are being consumed with issues related to the Covid-19 pandemic. In a couple of weeks, the Coronavirus has made its mark on the four corners of the globe and with a high degree in Europe, having not only an impact to health and wellbeing, but also to the economy and trade.

With the different measures adopted by European governments ranging from "stay at home" confinement measures to allow only essential industries to operate, Europe is facing an unprecedent situation both in terms of sanitary and economic challenge.

The EICF would like to put the emphasis is safeguarding the health of our members, their employees and families and in this sense we encourage our members to implement and look after the implementation of the health & safety measures as indicated by the sanitary authorities and in particular by ECDC and WHO.

In line with the above the EICF has postponed the 30th International Conference & Exhibition to be held at the same venue Festival House Bodensee in Bregenz next 9 to 11 of May 2021. The Industry visit to Feinguss Blank GmbH shall be held on the 12 of May 2021.

At the same time the EICF is very much concerned with the outcome of this crisis for our members and the IC industry in terms of the economic impact to the business and the employment. Although the capability of an Association is certainly limited in terms of overcoming such an important crisis, the EICF would like to be at the service of their members to support any action which might be formulated to support the sector under the present circumstances and as they evolve. In this sense the EICF has just launched a questionnaire within their membership to identify problems, needs and possible actions. In support of the development of these possible actions a communication forum among members based on the Slack App is also being implemented.

The EICF wish you all the best during this difficult time, remaining at your full disposition.

Please check regularly at the EICF web site, for update on the subject

Yours Sincerely

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EICF Executive Director