Subject: Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) – Information for external companies

Dear Sirs,

in the course of the spread of the coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2), we see it as our responsibility as a global pump manufacturer and employer to ensure the best possible protection in terms of preventive measures in order to minimize the risk of infection of our employees.

We hereby request external service providers and contractors or their subcontractors with employed personnel at NETZSCH sites to ensure that only employees who have been demonstrably informed by you of the risks and signs of infection with the coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) as well as the usual hygiene rules (no shaking hands, washing hands, sneezing etiquette) are employed at our site. In particular, we do not expect any employees to be sent to our sites and thus employed who, according to current knowledge and human judgement, are exposed to risks. By persons at risk, we mean persons who have previously travelled in risk areas privately or on business, who have had close contact with a confirmed or probable COVID-19 sufferer, or who exhibit typical symptoms of COVID-19 disease in the 14 calendar days prior to their assignment.

This also applies to subcontractors commissioned by you.

The definition of risk areas is carried out by the Robert Koch Institute, the WHO and others and currently includes the following

Risk areas: As of 2020-04-10

Since 10 April 2020, the Robert Koch Institute has no longer identified any international risk areas or particularly affected areas in Germany.

COVID-19 is now in use worldwide. Outbreaks have occurred in a considerable number of countries, some of them with large case numbers; the exact case numbers of other countries are not known. There is therefore a risk of transmission both in Germany and in a vast number of regions worldwide. The Federal Foreign Office has now also issued a worldwide travel warning. From an epidemiological point of view it therefore makes sense to suspend the designation of risk areas.

Countries and local authorities should examine whether regulations and orders relating to existing risk areas may need to be adapted. In order to protect themselves and others from infection, German tourists returning from abroad are still strongly advised to avoid unnecessary contacts and to stay at home for 14 days.

Further information can be found at:
https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Risikogebiete.html

Please check your employees against the above requirements. We expressly point out that external personnel employed at our sites will be advised of this Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) information before starting work or entering our plant premises and that in the event of discrepancies, entry to the plant premises will be prohibited.

Thank you very much for your cooperation and support.

Yours sincerely,

NETZSCH Pumps & Systems GmbH