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“Over the last five months, the world has been rocked by unprecedented challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As the hosts of one of the leading community-driven sporting events in the world, The Thunderbirds are doing everything in our power to continue to lead community involvement through the Waste Management Phoenix Open and the hundreds of charities that we support.

The health and safety of the PGA TOUR professionals, sponsors, vendors, and, of course, the greatest fans in golf, is of paramount importance. As a result, The Thunderbirds have been working closely with the PGA TOUR, the State of Arizona and the City of Scottsdale in planning for this year’s tournament.

Due to continued health challenges surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the landscape at the Waste Management Phoenix Open will unfortunately look different this year. This week, we notified our suite holders that most of the hospitality venues that create our event’s incredible tournament atmosphere will not be constructed. In light of the fact that we usually start building our venues in late September/early October, it is just not prudent to do so under the current circumstances.

However, ‘The People’s Open’ just would not be the same without our fans, so it is our every intention to have fans at the Waste Management Phoenix Open during the week of February 1. In cooperation with Waste Management and our other partners, we are pivoting and planning an event that may have less fans and venues but will still be a world-class event that will make our community proud and support our charity partners.

In closing, I would just like to say thank you to our community for your ongoing support. We are truly fortunate to live in the Valley of the Sun and you are the reason our organization is able support our local charities, which is now as critical as ever.

Please stay tuned for future announcements and opportunities relating to 2021 Waste Management Phoenix Open. Thank you.”