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We are pleased to celebrate the 30th anniversary of TBS Group Corporation and on behalf of the WFSGI, I would like to congratulate George Wood for this anniversary.

30 years for a company nowadays is not so common! We are facing economic turmoil these days and to live through it can be perceived as a performance. Companies need to be strong and well-structured to last so long and to undergo the pressure of the competitive market. This is the case for TBS Group Corporation. TBS Group Corporation is led with engagement and seriousness. Mr George Wood, who has been at the head of the company since the beginning, has shown such qualities which led him to be a pillar of the company like he is for the sporting goods industry in general.

The TBS Group Corporation was founded 30 years ago by George Wood, who was only 22 at that time and who came from a small province of Taiwan with nearly no capital. Through passion and confidence, he managed to build a company with only one main product at that time to make it one of the largest supplier of sports equipments in the world with a great variety of areas (Badminton, Volleyball, Table Tennis, Tennis and other ball related products, Inline stakes and stakes board, Table Tennis, Darts, Soccer Table, Air hockey Table). He developed his base of customers to cross the boundaries and reach neighbor countries like Hong Kong and Japan to as far as Russia and Africa, even having his main markets in North America and Europe. His involvement and experience has been recognized throughout the years. Being nominated at the TSMA (Taiwan Sporting Goods Manufacturers) and TSTA (Taiwan Sports Technology Association) Chair and chosen as representative of CNFI (Chinese National Federation of Industries) towards WTO proved that his knowledge is needed by the industry. But all the awards he received for that are only a little recognition to all the work he made. He managed to create

a company and to make it from single to multi products and from local to global level. Many would have stopped on the way.



On top of that, not only he aims at expanding his company but also he cares about the values and the image of TBS Group Corporation. His engagement in Corporate Social Responsibility issues is incredible; he cares about his employees, his products, his clients and about his whole country and fellow citizens. The creation of the TBS Charity Foundation shows that a success story can't exist without human values.

As far as the WFSGI is concerned, George has been present since the first years of the organization, showing a great interest and help. He believes in our values and philosophy because he knows that working altogether is for the benefit of the industry. To further prove his involvement, he has been recently nominated as Vice-Chair of the Manufacturers' Forum that we created a few months ago and remains also a good contact and support in Asia. We thank him very much for his commitment.

Again, we congratulate TBS Group Corporation and especially George Wood for the last 30 years and wish him all the best for the 30 years to come. Keep on being steady and innovative and you'll go through multiple decades! But we do not worry, we know that the company is in good hands!

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