



GMS response to Dubai COVID outbreak article

Many of you may have seen the recently published story in Tradewinds, reporting on a few COVID cases in our GMS Dubai office. We wish to clarify that GMS had not provided any official comment to the news publisher's queries, although the reported cases in our office are indeed indicative of the rising number of cases currently being experienced in the UAE.

Firstly, we wish to thank all our well-wishers who have reached out to us, and we can report that we are both grateful and thankful that the health of the few staff that have tested positive is not in any critical danger. Many of them only experiencing mild symptoms and are well on their way to a speedy and healthy recovery. We continue to monitor their health and progress.

We also wish to thank those in our office for taking quick action to ensure the safety of others who were not affected in the office whilst ensuring minimal disruptions to our business operations.

We are following the applicable UAE Ministry of Health and Prevention protocols to ensure that normal physical operation in the office resume as soon as possible. All staff has undergone the relevant testing procedures and we expect the office to resume normally in due course.

Although some of our staff are working from home, we are pleased to confirm that this has not had any adverse impact whatsoever on our normal commercial and business operations. We remain committed and continue to deliver and provide our usual services as normal to all our stakeholders, clients, and business associates. We are proud that even during the height of the pandemic and throughout 2020, the fact that GMS was responsible for almost 44% of recycling deals of the total tonnage recycled in the Indian sub-continent last year is only testament to GMS's core principles of Trust and Integrity, which even now in 2021, remains strong and unflinching.

GMS continues to look forward to another prosperous and successful 2021, even in the face of the continuing global COVID pandemic, and we wish all of our readers a safe and healthy year ahead.

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