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Dear cycling industry colleagues,

As a group of business leaders from across the cycling industry, we have become acutely aware that climate change is not only a future risk, but a current one, which is accelerating before our eyes.

We are proud that cycling plays an important part in decarbonising our world, by enabling people to ride their bikes, enjoy the outdoors and make cities more liveable by taking cars off the streets. At the same time, the way in which we in the cycling industry make and sell products is also contributing to the problem.

We need to change this, but we can't do it on our own, which is why we're making an urgent appeal to you, our partners and competitors across the wider industry.

## Why this initiative

Shift Cycling Culture brought us together in a leadership forum to discuss our business' roles in tackling climate change. During this process we have woken up to the fact that it is not just our business we need to change and that in order to contribute to the UN global goals on Climate Change, we will need to speed up our efforts collectively as an industry.

# How the collective cycling industry can play a part

In 2015, 195 countries signed the UN Paris Agreement, in which they committed to keep global warming below the critical level of 1.5 degrees Celsius. To achieve this, Greenhouse Gas emissions have to be reduced by 55% by 2030, and 100% no later than 2050.

To reach this target also in the cycling industry, we need the entire supply chain to be involved. The biggest part of the environmental impact of our products arises from production; 50-80% of the carbon emissions take place when we extract, source and produce materials and parts. We operate in a linear economy that doesn't place value on the recirculation of materials, and too often, our customers are Xleft with incompatible and redundant parts and products.

We recognise the enormity of the challenge of meeting the UN Paris Agreements' targets, and we will only be able to do so if we innovate together to:

- Reduce emissions related to production
- Create products that will last longer
- Work with customers on maintenance and lifetime extension
- Develop a closed loop system to recover materials

#### **Our commitment**

1 // Report: We will disclose our own company's carbon impacts by measuring our Scope 1 & 2 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions, in accordance with the GHG Protocol, by 2023 (latest) and will continue to do so on an annual basis

**2** // Reduce: We will disclose our plans to reduce our Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions by at least 55% by 2030 (against a baseline of no earlier than 2015)

## This is just a start

We recognise that these are just the initial steps of a long journey, and that many of us in our industry have already begun to take them. However, we believe these initial steps are essential and urgent for us all, and that if every company within the cycling industry takes them, then the cumulative impact would be enormous.

# Please join us

This letter is a call to action for ourselves and for you as our colleagues. We invite you to join us on this journey and commit to transformative change in our industry.

Please join us by signing up at www.shiftcyclingculture.com/climatecommitment

Yours sincerely,

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David Zurcher CEO, BMC Switzerland AG

Will Butler-Adams OBE CEO, **Brompton** 

Wade Wallace Founder, CyclingTips
Peter Woods CEO, Dorel Sports Group

Jayu Yang CEO, Haro Bikes USA/Kenda Tires

Thomas Spengler MD Marketing & Customer, Internetstores Holding GmbH

Simon Mottram Founder & CEO, Rapha
Dr. Sandra Wolf CEO, Riese & Müller GmbH

Thorsten Heckrath-Rose Managing Director, **ROSE Bikes GmbH** 

Frank Bohle President & CEO, **Schwalbe**Barbara Bigolin CEO, **Selle Royal Group** 

Mike Sinyard Founder & CEO, Specialized Bicycle Components

Stijn Vriends President & CEO, Vittoria S.p.A.

### **About Shift Cycling Culture**

Shift Cycling Culture is a global movement with the mission to drive systemic change in the cycling industry and wider community to create a sustainable future for our sport and the places we love to ride.

# Companies and organisations committed since 1st November:

**Brands** 

Ken Lousberg CEO, **SRAM Bicycle Components**Antje von Dewitz CEO, **Vaude Sport GmbH & Co. KG** 

Chris Kruitbosch

David Hancock

CEO, Kruitbosch

CEO, enviolo

Wayne Du CEO & Founder, Jakroo Custom Apparel

Johannes Biechele CEO & Founder, Fazua GmbH

Jochim Aerts CEO & Founder, Belgian Cycling Factory (Ridley/Eddy Merckx)

Peter Lange CEO & Founder, Pas Normal Studios

Jakob Luksch CEO, **myStromer AG**Martin Krøyer CEO, **GripGrab** 

Tori Fahey Founder, **Apidura Ltd.** 

J. Matthew VanEnkevort CEO, Marin Mountain Bikes, Inc.

Jerry & Shelley Lawson Co-founders, Frog Bikes
Michael Lin CEO, Pacific Cycles, Inc.

Jörg Schindelhauer Bikes Co-Founder, Schindelhauer Bikes

Tim Bundegaard-Goodall CEO, Islabikes

Sam Atakhanov CEO & Founder, **DŌST Bikes Inc.** 

Andy Smallwood CEO, Ribble Cycles

Frank Schnipper Managing Director, antidot.bikecare

Hugo Davidson CEO, **Knog Pty Ltd.** 

Stefan Schott CEO & Founder, 8bar bikes

Ardo Kaurit CEO & Co-founder, Ampler Bikes

Oliver Pepper Founder, **Morvélo**Mathias Ihlenfeld CEO, **woom Gmbh** 

Helge von Fugler CEO, E BIKE Advanced Technologies GmbH

Timo Hyppönen CEO & Co-founder, Pelago
Staffan Widell CEO & Founder, Ass Savers AB
Jasper Ockeloen CEO & Founder, Sockeloen

Ben Gaby Founder & CEO, RideGuard c/o Jabeda Ltd.

Rob Webbon CEO, Presca Ltd.

Thomas Donhou Founder, **Donhou Bicycles**Luke Humphreys Owner, **Pacenti Cycle Design** 

Richard Zirkl CEO & Co-founder, reanimated-bikes

Jérôme Communal CEO & Co-founder, Cycles Revolution SAS

Jason Evans & Duncan McRobert Co-founders, Rawvelo

Javier Garcia CEO & Founder, Negative Split Carbon

### **Manufacturers & Distributors**

Armando Levy CEO & Founder, Rodi & Triangles

Richard Tauer President & CEO, Quality Bicycle Products (QBP)

Daisuke Kobayashi CEO, **SR SunTour** 

Dan Liljeqvist CEO, Herrmans Bike Components Ltd.

Jesper Lundqvist CEO & Founder, **Promovec**Vital Almeida CEO, **Ciclo Fapril, S.A.** 

Jimmy SeearCo-founder, CSS CompositesHermes ChangChairman, Ideal Bike CorporationSato TangePresident, Tange Seiki Co., Ltd.

Thomas Ramge & Marco Wolf

Pierre Regnier

CEO, UPL Service GmbH

CEO & Co-Founder, VELCO

President, Tange Seiki Co., Ltd.

João Miranda

CEO, Miranda & Irmão, Lda

Phil Chang

CEO, Tentech Composite

Li Wenjie CEO/General Manager, Flybike Asia Sports Equipment Co. Ltd.
Tan Weikun CEO/General Manager, XDS Carbon Tech (Shenzhen) Co. Ltd.

Marcel Fowler Founder, **New Motion Labs**Paul Magne Amundsen CEO & Founder, **reTyre AS** 

#### Retailers

Dominique Metz CEO, Veloplus AG

Chase Wreyford Founder, Repack Bike Shop

Andy Carr CEO & Founder, Spoon Group Ltd.

Craig Goff-Cooper Founder, **Ride Electric**Thomas Vanderhoydonck CEO, **De Geus BV** 

#### Other

Robin Thurston CEO & Co-founder, **Outside Inc.** 

Mars Holwerda Founder, **studioMOM** 

Mark Sutton Founding Editor, **CyclingIndustry.News**Theo Grobler CEO & Co-founder, **Two Three Bird** 

Joko Vogel & Olivier Senn Co-CEO & Founder, Cycling Unlimited AG, Tour de Suisse

Richard Pascoe Founder & Owner, Saint Piran Pro Cycling
Jon Woodroof Owner & Founder, Twotone Consulting BV

Alessandro Ferrio Founder, We Bike Italy
Steve Zavestoski Founder, Comova Cycling
Sander Kolsloot Founder, Cycling Connection

Martin Donat & Stephan Peters CEO & Founder, **lifeCYCLE Magazine**Matthias Höfer Co-Founder & CEO, **BikeBoxPro** 

Raphael Albrecht CEO, **Orbit360 GmbH**