From: Catherine Naughton

Subject: RE: BDF & The Valuable 500

Thank you Olivier

One more thing to note, if your Board was interested Valuable 500 are very proactive and would address your Board, provide letters, details, anything you need. So if you go for , feel free to ask their help.

Warm regards, Catherine

From: Magritte Olivier [mailto:Olivier.Magritte@minsoc.fed.be]

**Sent:** vendredi 5 juin 2020 12:01

To: Catherine Naughton < catherine.naughton@edf-feph.org>

Cc: Duchenne Véronique < Veronique. Duchenne@minsoc.fed.be >; Pierre Gyselinck Subject: RE: BDF &

The Valuable 500

Thanks a lot, Catherine. We will discuss it during our Board next Tuesday. I wish you a pleasant if rainy weekend Kind regards
Olivier

\_\_\_\_\_

De: Catherine Naughton < catherine.naughton@edf-feph.org>

Envoyé: vendredi 5 juin 2020 11:52

À: Magritte Olivier < Olivier. Magritte@minsoc.fed.be >

**Cc**: Duchenne Véronique < <u>Veronique.Duchenne@minsoc.fed.be</u>>; Pierre Gyselinck **Objet**: RE: BDF &

The Valuable 500

Dear Olivier,

I do know a certain amount about them. The Valuable 500 focusses on getting disability inclusion in the Boardroom agenda, to create leadership level buy-in for inclusive employment. They have been visible and active in DAVOS and the ILO.

If BDF or any of your members or partners would like the chance to reach out to any of those big companies to encourage them to commit- if you or your members find it an opportunity, I would do it. But if it is extra work, unrelated to your priorities you could just politely reply and even give them advice if you have any on how they would got to the Belgian CEOs.

I hope this is helpful.	
Have a good weekend,	
Catherine	

From: Magritte Olivier [mailto:Olivier.Magritte@minsoc.fed.be]

**Sent:** vendredi 5 juin 2020 09:16

To: Catherine Naughton < catherine.naughton@edf-feph.org>

**Cc:** Duchenne Véronique < <u>Veronique.Duchenne@minsoc.fed.be</u>>; Pierre Gyselinck (<u>pierre.gyselinck@skynet.be</u>) < <u>pierre.gyselinck@skynet.be</u>>; Gisèle Marlière (<u>gisele.marliere@solidaris.be</u>) < <u>gisele.marliere@solidaris.be</u>>; Bensalah Khadija

< <u>Khadija.Bensalah@minsoc.fed.be</u>> **Subject:** TR: BDF & The Valuable 500

**Dear Catherine** 

I hope everything goes well for you in these complicated times. We received an e-mail from "the Valuable 500" (see here under). Do you have some information about these?

Clearly, the BDF has enough to do without making their job, but it's better to know more if possible.

Kind regards

Olivier Magritte

De : Clare Brentnall < <a href="mailto:Clare@thevaluable500.com">Clare@thevaluable500.com</a>>

Envoyé: mercredi 3 juin 2020 13:37

À: info@bdf.belgium.be

Objet: BDF & The Valuable 500

Dear Sir/Madam

By way of introduction, <u>The Valuable 500</u> is a global movement asking 500 CEOs to put disability inclusion on their leadership agenda. Launched at Davos in January last year, we returned to <u>The World Economic Forum</u> at the start of the year and announced just under 250 CEO signatories to include Microsoft, IBM and Accenture to name a few. You can see a full list of our members <u>here.</u>

The Valuable 500 aims to create the tipping point for disability leadership in business by celebrating those who commit to inclusion. These 500 business leaders will ignite social change by unlocking the business, social and economic value of people living with disabilities across the world.

So far, we have companies signed up from 26 different countries but we need more from Belgium!

We have heard about the great work that you are doing in Belgium and wondered whether you may be able to help us in our joint objective to end the disability inequality crisis, by proudly showcasing the work of businesses in your country.

We would love for the following Brands from Belgium to be part of The Valuable 500 and wondered whether you would be able to assist us in reaching out to them with a view for them to join:

- InBev
- KBC Bank
- Ageas
- Solvay S.A.

## Dexia

Alternatively, if you could advise on other businesses you think would be suitable, that would be a great help.

It is simple for them to become part of The Valuable 500 and by joining, business leaders agree to:

- 1. COMMIT: Table disability on their board agenda from 2020
- 2. ACT: Make ONE firm commitment to action in 2020
- 3. AMPLIFY: Share their commitment to The Valuable 500 both internally and externally.

Please see our <u>welcome pack</u> with more information as well as our <u>commitment statement</u> which we would need the CEO of each organisation to sign in order to join.

Do let me know if you would like further information or whether you are free for a call to discuss working together further.

Best regards,

Clare

## **Clare Brentnall**Director of Events

The Valuable 500

M: +44 7710 341096

