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Quartz Announces Anti-Racism Statement

Madison, WI — Today, Quartz is excited to share the organization's first-ever anti-racism statement. The statement discusses Quartz's core values (Respect, Responsibility, and Relationships), how those core values guided the organization's executive team in the creation of its anti-racism statement and, outlines what steps Quartz will take to become an anti-racist organization. The statement says, "As an anti-racism organization, we vow to intentionally identify and discuss issues of racism, color, and the impacts they have on our organization, systems, and people."

Today's announcement follows a statement shared by Quartz's then-president and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Terry Bolz in June, which condemned the systemic racism faced by Black people and other communities of color in this country. In that statement, Bolz says, "Racism is a public health crisis. We must speak up and act to end the preventable and untimely deaths that are its consequence."

Dr. Mark Selna, Quartz's new President and CEO, echoed Bolz's sentiments, expressed his support for today's announcement and his commitment to eliminating health care disparities while improving health care outcomes for communities of color. Dr. Selna says, "I've been with Quartz for just a few short weeks. I could not be prouder of the commitment to eliminating racial disparities in the health care system I have seen from all Quartz employees and our provider owners." Dr. Selna adds, "Seeing that commitment to change makes me even more passionate and dedicated to solving the problems before us and continuing to develop Quartz's diversity, equity and inclusion efforts."

<u>Click here</u> to read today's full statement in English. Or to read today's Spanish language announcement, please <u>click here</u>.

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