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Item 02 – Summary of the GSSB electronic vote June 2020

For GSSB information

Date 1 September 2020

Meeting 15 September 2020

Description This paper presents a summary of the GSSB electronic vote on the approval of the following documents:

- GRI Sector Standards Project for Agriculture and Fishing – Proposed member for working group
 - GRI Sector Standards Project for Oil, Gas, and Coal – Proposed member for working group
 - GSSB Activity Report 2017-2019
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GSSB electronic vote June 2020

On 19 June 2020, the GSSB was presented with three documents for approval by electronic vote before 30 June 2020. See Appendix 1 for the email.

Below is the list of decisions and summaries of the GSSB vote on each of the documents.

GSSB Decision 2020.14 The GSSB resolved to approve GRI Sector Standards Project for Agriculture and Fishing – Proposed member for working group via electronic vote.

GSSB Decision 2020.15 The GSSB resolved to approve GRI Sector Standards Project for Oil, Gas, and Coal – Proposed member for working group via electronic vote.

GSSB Decision 2020.16 The GSSB resolved to approve GSSB Activity Report, January 2017 – December 2019 via electronic vote.

GRI Sector Standards Project for Agriculture and Fishing – Proposed member for working group

One GSSB member raised a concern about the low representation of Africa in the working group. Another GSSB member raised a concern about the limited representation of experts on fishing compared to agriculture. The GSSB members advised the Standards Division to be mindful of these limitations and seek adequate input from these areas during the process.

Fourteen GSSB members approved the proposed membership: Loredana Carta, Peter Colley, Evan Harvey, Kirsten Margrethe Hovi, Vincent Kong, Judy Kuszewski, Robyn Leeson, Tung-Li (Tony) Mo, Jennifer Prancing, Corli le Roux, Gustavo Sinner, Kenton Swift, Rama Krishnan Venkateswaran, and Michel Washer. GSSB member Bruce Klafter was unavailable for the vote.

See Appendix 2 for details on the GSSB vote and comments on this document.

GRI Sector Standards Project for Oil, Gas, and Coal – Proposed member for working group

No comments were raised.

Fourteen GSSB members approved the proposed membership: Loredana Carta, Peter Colley, Evan Harvey, Kirsten Margrethe Hovi, Vincent Kong, Judy Kuszewski, Robyn Leeson, Tung-Li (Tony) Mo, Jennifer Prancing, Corli le Roux, Gustavo Sinner, Kenton Swift, Rama Krishnan Venkateswaran, and Michel Washer. GSSB member Bruce Klafter was unavailable for the vote.

See Appendix 3 for details on the GSSB vote on this document.

GSSB Activity Report 2017-2019

One GSSB member indicated a correction in the list of GSSB members.

Fourteen GSSB members approved the document: Loredana Carta, Peter Colley, Evan Harvey, Kirsten Margrethe Hovi, Vincent Kong, Judy Kuszewski, Robyn Leeson, Tung-Li (Tony) Mo, Jennifer Prancing, Corli le Roux, Gustavo Sinner, Kenton Swift, Rama Krishnan Venkateswaran, and Michel Washer. GSSB member Bruce Klafter was unavailable for the vote.

See Appendix 4 for details on the GSSB vote and comments on this document.

37 **Appendix I. Email record 19 June 2020 –**
 38 **Subject: GSSB comments and approvals**

From: GSSB Secretariat [*contact information removed*]
Sent: 19 June 2020 17:50
To: Bastian Buck; Bruce Klafter; Corli le Roux; Evan Harvey; Gillian Balaban; Gustavo Sinner; J Kuszewski; Jennifer Princing; Kent Swift; Kenton Swift; Kirsten Hovi; Laura Espinach; Loredana Carta; Michel Washer; Peter Colley; Rama Krishnan Venkateswaran; Robyn Leeson; Tony Mo; Vincent Kong [*contact information removed*]
Subject: GSSB comments and approvals
 Dear GSSB members,

With this email, we would like to share the following documents for your comments and approval.

For **comments** by COB Wednesday 24 June 2020:

- Item 01 – GRI Sector Standards project for oil, gas, and coal – Public comment questions for exposure draft of Sector Standard: Oil and Gas
- Item 02 – Proposed FAQ on 1 January 2021 effective date

For **approval** by COB Tuesday 30 June 2020:

- Item 03 – GRI Sector Standards project for agriculture and fishing – Proposed member for working group
- Item 04 – GRI Sector Standards project for oil, gas, and coal – Proposed member for working group
- Item 05 – GSSB Activity Report, January 2017 – December 2019

Please use the following forms to submit your comments and approval to gssbsecretariat@globalreporting.org

Comments – by COB Wednesday 24 June 2020			
Item 01 – GRI Sector Standards project for oil, gas, and coal – Public comment questions for exposure draft of Sector Standard: Oil and Gas		Item 02 – Proposed FAQ on 1 January 2021 effective date	
Line number	Comment	Line number	Comment

Approval of Item 03 – GRI Sector Standards project for agriculture and fishing – Proposed member for working group by COB Tuesday 30 June 2020		
Name of GSSB member	Vote	Comments

	Yes	No	

Approval of Item 04 – GRI Sector Standards project for oil, gas, and coal – Proposed member for working group by COB Tuesday 30 June 2020

Name of GSSB member	Vote		Comments
	Yes	No	

Approval of Item 05 – GSSB Activity Report, January 2017 – December 2019 by COB Tuesday 30 June 2020

Name of GSSB member	Vote		Comments
	Yes	No	

Regards
GSSB secretariat

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39 **Appendix II. GSSB email responses –**
 40 **Approval of proposed member for**
 41 **Agriculture and Fishing Working Group**

Approval of Item 03 – GRI Sector Standards Project for Agriculture and Fishing – Proposed member for working group by COB Tuesday, 30 June 2020				Comments
GSSB member	Vote			
	Date received	Yes	No	
Loredana Carta	30 June 2020	X		
Peter Colley	29 June 2020	X		
Evan Harvey	29 June 2020	X		
Kirsten Margrethe Hovi	29 June 2020	X		Approved
Vincent Kong	29 June 2020	X		
Judy Kuszewski	25 June 2020	X		
Robyn Leeson	30 June 2020	X		Having labour representation to this working group is essential. Many thanks for finding an appropriate candidate. We will need to be mindful in the consultation phase that this makes 4/18 members of the group representative of fishing which may be seen as a large number by some stakeholders or a small number by others.
Tung-Li (Tony) Mo	30 June 2020	X		
Jennifer Prancing	30 June 2020	X		
Corli le Roux	25 June 2020	X		I remain slightly concerned about the very low representation of expertise across Africa, considering the massive social and economic footprint of agriculture across broader Africa. I would urge the project sponsor to bear this in mind and particularly for PWG members from global organisations (such as the UN and WBCSD) to contribute in this regard.

				Alternatively it may be considered to source a sufficiently qualified / experienced practitioner from Africa.
Gustavo Sinner	23 June 2020	X		
Kenton Swift	30 June 2020	X		It all looks good.
Rama Krishnan Venkateswaran	30 June 2020	X		
Michel Washer	29 June 2020	X		

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42 **Appendix III. GSSB email responses –**
 43 **Approval of proposed member for Oil,**
 44 **Gas, and Coal Working Group**

Approval of Item 04 – GRI Sector Standards Project for Oil, Gas, and Coal – Proposed member for working group by COB Tuesday, 30 June 2020				Comments
GSSB member	Vote			
	Date received	Yes	No	
Loredana Carta	30 June 2020	X		
Peter Colley	29 June 2020	X		
Evan Harvey	29 June 2020	X		
Kirsten Margrethe Hovi	29 June 2020	X		Approved
Vincent Kong	29 June 2020	X		
Judy Kuszewski	25 June 2020	X		
Robyn Leeson	30 June 2020	X		
Tung-Li (Tony) Mo	30 June 2020	X		
Jennifer Princing	30 June 2020	X		
Corli le Roux	25 June 2020	X		
Gustavo Sinner	23 June 2020	X		
Kenton Swift	30 June 2020	X		It all looks good.
Rama Krishnan Venkateswaran	30 June 2020	X		
Michel Washer	29 June 2020	X		

45 Appendix IV. GSSB email responses –
 46 Approval of GSSB Activity Report 2017-
 47 2019

Approval of Item 05 – GSSB Activity Report, January 2017 – December 2019 by COB Tuesday, 30 June 2020				Comments
GSSB member	Vote			
	Date received	Yes	No	
Loredana Carta	30 June 2020	X		
Peter Colley		Yes with the minor corrections noted in Comments		The list of GSSB members for 2019 should list Loredana Carta. And I think there omissions from the 2018 list as only 13 names shown.
Evan Harvey	29 June 2020	X		
Kirsten Margrethe Hovi	29 June 2020	X		Approved
Vincent Kong	29 June 2020	X		
Judy Kuszewski	25 June 2020	X		
Robyn Leeson	30 June 2020	X		
Tung-Li (Tony) Mo	30 June 2020	X		
Jennifer Princing	30 June 2020	X		
Corli le Roux	25 June 2020	X		
Gustavo Sinner	23 June 2020	X		
Kenton Swift	30 June 2020	X		It all looks good.
Rama Krishnan Venkateswaran	30 June 2020	X		
Michel Washer	29 June 2020	X		