



GSSB summary of the virtual meeting held on 24 January 2023

Approved by the GSSB on 16 February 2023

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3 **Participants**

4 Present:

Name	Constituency
Judy Kuszewski	Chair
Robyn Leeson	Vice-Chair
Loredana Carta	Labor
Peter Colley	Labor
Giulia Genuardi	Business enterprise
Vincent Kong	Business enterprise
Joseph Martin	Business enterprise
Anna Nefedova	Mediating institution
Corli le Roux	Mediating institution
Gangaa Charan Sharma (joined at 13.25)	Business enterprise
Kim Schumacher (joined at 13.30)	Civil society organization
Kenton Swift	Civil society organization
Michel Washer	Business enterprise

5 Apologies:

Name	Constituency
Evan Harvey	Investment institution
Jennifer Princing	Business enterprise

6 In attendance from GRI:

Name	Position
Bastian Buck	Chief of Standards
Noora Puro	Manager Sector Program
Gillian Balaban	Sr. Coordinator Governance Relations

7 **List of abbreviations**

Abbreviation	Full name
GRI	Global Reporting Initiative
GSSB	Global Sustainability Standards Board
SD	Standards Division
WG	Working group
TC	Technical committee
PCP	Public comment period
AG	Advisory group

8 Decisions and action items

9 The GSSB resolved to approve the following:

GSSB Decision	Item number
2023.01	01 – Draft summary of the GSSB meeting held on 15 December 2022
2023.02	02 – GRI Sector Standard for Mining – Exposure draft
2023.03	03 – GRI Sector Standard for Mining Exposure draft Questionnaire

10 Session 1: Welcome

11 The Global Sustainability Standards Board (GSSB) Chair Judy Kuszewski (henceforth the Chair)
 12 welcomed the GSSB. The Chair presented an overview of the meeting agenda. A quorum was
 13 established, and the above items were presented to the GSSB for approval.

14 Session 2: Update Standards Division

15 Chief of Standards, Bastian Buck, provided the following update:

Points to consider	Action
974,542 downloads of GRI Standards in 2022, up 45% from 2021.	N/A
GSSB Work program PCP ongoing, deadline 17 February.	GSSB approval end of March.
Textiles and Apparel project has an open call for WG applicants in February. The project starts in June, and the first WG meeting is in July.	Textiles and Apparel project team – Alexandra de Freitas
Financial services to provide TC members list for approval in March/April. The project starts in April, and the first TC meeting is in May.	Financial services project team – Claire Dugan
Biodiversity will consolidate feedback after PCP ends in February. Promotional webinars, events, articles, and press releases continue.	Biodiversity project team – Elodie Chene
Labor project has its third TC meeting in February. 10 AG experts are approved, recruiting two AG experts from LATAM and Africa regions.	Labor project team – Izzy Ensor
Climate project to submit the final proposal in February. The approval of TC members list is in April, and the first TC meeting is in June.	Climate project team – Margherita Barbieri
Economic impacts project is ready to start. The draft proposal is for approval in March/April. It will consider <i>GRI 201</i> , <i>202</i> , and <i>203</i> disclosures.	Economic impacts project team – Matthew Dunn
Translations of 2021 Universal Standards update and <i>GRI 11</i> into 10 languages completed by end of January; <i>GRI 12</i> and <i>GRI 13</i> translations by end of March.	Translations team – Alan Broad

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17 The GSSB raised the following question:

GSSB question/concern	SD response	Action
Why are most downloads from the GRI website? Social media channels seem to have less impact.	SD acknowledges that GRI social media is not optimal.	SD will invite the Communications team to discuss this issue at the next GSSB meeting.

18 **Session 3: Approval of GRI Sector**
 19 **Standard Project for Mining –**
 20 **Exposure draft**

21 Noora Puro, Manager Sector Program, presented the following points for consideration:

Points to consider	Action
The project aims to identify and describe 25 likely material topics and relevant disclosures for reporting for the mining sector.	Project team
New topics to the GRI system based on WG feedback include Artisanal and small-scale mining, Conflict-affected and high-risk areas, and Tailings.	Project team
The draft has undergone an additional peer review as well as technical and editorial reviews by the Standards Editorial and Publishing team.	Project team, SE&P
In response to feedback from WG and external stakeholders, SD proposes to capitalize the term 'Indigenous Peoples' in the exposure draft.	SD, SE&P, Communications
Public consultation of the exposure draft will take place between 7 February – 30 April, including global webinars and regional events to engage external stakeholders.	SD, Communications, Regional Hubs

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23 The GSSB raised the following questions:

GSSB question/concern	SD response	Action
GSSB member asked about the rationale for taking out carbon dioxide and methane in the topic statement for GHG emissions.	The two examples are seen as limiting for the mining sector, and WG feedback proposed broadening the scope.	Project team
GSSB member noted that the sector profile did not adequately cover the negative impacts of the mining sector, although this was covered in topic descriptions. Moreover, mine site reporting is a positive evolution in sustainability reporting.	The sector profile was an example of consensus building with the WG. We welcome specific inputs on the sector profile.	Project team

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25 The GSSB approves the following exposure draft and questionnaire:

GSSB Decision	Item number
2023.02	02 – GRI Sector Standard for Mining – Exposure draft
2023.03	03 – GRI Sector Standard for Mining Exposure draft Questionnaire

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27 **Session 4: Close of public meeting**

28 No other business was raised, and the Chair closed the public meeting at 14.06 Central European
29 Time (CET).