

[Message received via email, 29 March 2017]

For the Attention of:

The Chairperson
Global Sustainability Standards Board (GSSB)
Global Reporting Initiative (GRI)

Dear Ms. Kuszewski,

It was a pleasure to contribute to and witness the publication of the 2016 edition of the GRI Reporting Standards, and in particular, the GRI 410: Security Practices 2016 Standard (as attached). While the content of the 2016 edition of the Security Practices standard fell short of what I had suggested, it is none-the-less a very welcome and important step forward in opening up the issue of security reporting (and, indeed, hopefully opening the lid and shining the light on many questionable, unethical, and undeniably illegal practices, in the global private security industry).

Kindly permit me to present a brief background of myself, which should assist in clarifying this letter to you.

Having been in the security profession for the past twenty-one years, most of them in corporate security and latterly in the security consultancy field, and undertaken substantial research about how organisations manage their security risks, for approximately the last twelve years, I have accumulated a substantial amount of information. Some of this is going to be used for the writing of a Master's Degree Dissertation. All of the current and further research will be used to publish practical documents in the field of security risk management and the conduit for the latter will be the *Centre for Security Management Studies*, a research NGO currently in formation by myself.

I have also been fairly intimately involved, over the past decade or so, with the standards development processes of our local National Standards Body, the *South African Bureau of Standards* (SABS) and the *International Organisation for Standardisation* (ISO), having served on their now-defunct *Strategic Advisory Group-Security* (SAG-S) as a SABS representative. I currently serve on ISO Technical Committee 292's Working Group 06 (ISO/TC 292/WG 06) "Protective Security", and on the Ad-Hoc Groups for "Anti-bribery Management Systems" and "Whistleblowing" of ISO/TC 309 "Governance of Organisations".

In the light of my research and involvement with the ISO projects, as outlined above, I believe that there is a good basis for the initiation of discussions about establishing a Project to take GRI Reporting Standard GRI 410: Security Practices 2016 to the next level, in a similar manner to the recently commenced review of GRI 403: Occupational Health and Safety 2016. To this end, I would be interesting in your views and comments about such a proposal, and if positive, to understand how such a Project would be initiated. I would naturally be very keen, if possible, to play a leading role in this regard.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely

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