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Item 07 – GSSB Proposed Membership for GRI Technical Committee on Human Rights Disclosure

For GSSB review and approval

Date	11 January 2018
Meeting	25 January 2018
Project	Review of GRI's human rights-related Standards
Description	<p>This paper sets out a recommendation by the Standards Division to add an additional member to the GRI Technical Committee to develop draft recommendations on human rights disclosure.</p> <p>The GSSB is requested to revise and approve this proposed membership during its meeting on 25 January 2018.</p>

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1. Background

In the [project proposal](#) for the review of the GRI human rights-related Standards, the GSSB confirmed its intention to form a Technical Committee (TC) with the mandate to develop an initial set of recommendations on human rights disclosure.

The membership of this TC has been discussed and approved by the GSSB during 2017. Since then, GRI's CE, Tim Mohin, has recommended an additional member, considering his participation would be very appropriate for this phase in order to leverage the widely acknowledged, longstanding human rights disclosure expertise of the Danish Institute for Human Rights.

This paper sets out the aforementioned recommendation to include an additional member in the TC, for GSSB approval.

2. Selection process and criteria

In line with the [GSSB's due process protocol](#), the following Technical Committee (TC) members were appointed by the GSSB in 2017:

- Peter Hall, International Organisation of Employers (IOE), Switzerland, Constituency: Business
- Vanessa Zimmerman, Independent Expert, Australia, Constituency: Business
- Tracey Davies, Centre for Environmental Rights (CER), South Africa, Constituency: Civil Society
- Amol Mehra, International Corporate Accountability Roundtable (ICAR), United States of America, Constituency: Civil Society
- Margaret Wachenfeld, Themis Research, Belgium, Constituency: Investment Institution / Information Users
- Kirstine Drew, Trade Union Advisory Committee to the OECD (TUAC), France, Constituency: Labor
- Tyler Gillard, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), France, Constituency: Mediating Institution
- Thomas Trier Hansen, Nordic Law Group, Denmark, Constituency: Mediating Institution
- Caroline Rees, Shift, United States of America, Constituency: Mediating Institution
- Lene Wendland, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Switzerland, Constituency: Mediating Institution

As per the [Terms of Reference](#), the principal criterion for selecting TC members is relevant knowledge and experience relating to business and human rights. This includes deep familiarity with the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

In addition, the following criteria are considered:

- 37 • Relevant knowledge of sustainability reporting
- 38 • Familiarity with the needs of users of sustainability reports
- 39 • Related experience with multi-stakeholder initiatives
- 40 • Understanding of and willingness to work in a consensus-based multi-stakeholder TC
- 41 • Ability to participate in TC meetings held in English and provide written English feedback
- 42 when requested

43 *3. Additional Proposed Technical Committee Member*

44 Below is the proposed mediating institution representative to be added to the Technical
 45 Committee, as recommended by GRI’s CEO, Tim Mohin, for GSSB approval.

Mediating Institution	
Candidate: Mads Hols Jensen	
Job title: Senior Advisor, Human Rights and Sustainable Development, Ph.D.	Bio: Mads Holst Jensen works with human rights and sustainable development with a focus on the private sector. His field of expertise includes human rights impact assessments, due diligence procedures, gap analysis of policies and procedures, country and context analysis, stakeholder engagement, grievance and mitigation procedures, the SDGs and human rights compliance reporting. He has worked with a range of global companies across sectors and geographies. He has extensive field experience from projects in a range of countries, primarily in Asia and Africa. He has served as a long term strategic advisor to governments and other state actors and he has led social accountability and capacity building projects with civil society organizations and networks.
Organization: The Danish Institute for Human Rights	
Region: Europe (Denmark)	