



# Item 02 – Summary of electronic vote, 11-14 December 2017

## For GSSB discussion and approval

<b>Date</b>	11 January 2018
<b>Meeting</b>	25 January 2018
<b>Description</b>	This paper requests approval of the revised GRI 303: Water and Effluents Standard for re-exposure and approval of revised membership for the Technical Committee on Human Rights Disclosure  This paper is presented for GSSB discussion and approval.

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## 1 Part I of the Electronic Vote: Approval of *Item 01 – Re-* 2 *vised Draft of GRI 303 Water and Effluents* for Re-expo- 3 *sure*

4 Following action 3.1 approved by the GSSB in their 30 November 2017 meeting, the GSSB was pre-  
5 sented with the revised draft of *GRI 303 Water and Effluents* with the request to approve the revised  
6 contents of the Standard for second public comment or to flag any fatal flaws before re-exposure. The  
7 GSSB has agreed to hold the vote electronically as there was no meeting scheduled for December  
8 2017.

9 On 11 December, the GSSB was presented with *Item 01 – Revised Draft of GRI 303 Water and Efflu-*  
10 *ents* via email and was requested to indicate whether GSSB members approve of the revised draft to  
11 be published for re-exposure or flag any fatal flaws that they would like to be addressed before re-  
12 exposure. The GSSB was provided with instructions on how to submit an electronic vote and was  
13 requested to vote by 14 December 11:00 am CET. For original email, see Annex I. [Items for GSSB](#)  
14 [Approval by Email before 11 am CET on 14 Dec 2017](#).

15 GSSB members Atilla Yerlikaya, Daniel Ingram, Daniel Taillant, Dwight Justice, Evan Harvey, Judy  
16 Kuszewski, Julia Wilson, Jürgen Buxbaum, Kent Swift, Kirsten Margrethe Hovi, Michel Washer, Robyn  
17 Leeson, Stiaan Wandrag, Sulema Pioli, and Vadakepath Nandkumar have all voted and have all ap-  
18 proved the draft contents to be published for second public comment. Dwight Justice requested to  
19 make a wording change in the text of the Standard, which was addressed in the draft. For a consoli-  
20 dated overview of GSSB member responses and comments, see [Annex II. Consolidated GSSB Email](#)  
21 [Responses](#).

## 22 Part 2 of the Electronic Vote: Approval of *Item 02 – Pro-* 23 *posed Technical Committee Member – Human Rights*

24 In addition, the GSSB was presented with the proposal on revised membership for the GRI Technical  
25 Committee (TC) on Human Rights Disclosure. Since the GSSB's approval of the membership in Sep-  
26 tember 2017, one civil society representative has withdrawn their participation from the TC. In con-  
27 sultation with the GSSB sponsors, an alternative civil society candidate has been identified.

28 On 11 December, the GSSB was presented with *Item 02 – Proposed Technical Committee Member –*  
29 *Human Rights* via email and was requested to indicate whether GSSB members approve of the re-  
30 vised membership. The GSSB was provided with instructions on how to submit an electronic vote  
31 and was requested to vote by 14 December 11:00 am CET. For original email, see Annex I. [Items](#)  
32 [for GSSB Approval by Email before 11 am CET on 14 Dec 2017](#).

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35 Leeson, Stiaan Wandrag, Sulema Pioli, and Vadakepathth Nandkumar, have all voted and have all ap-  
36 proved the revised membership for the TC. For a consolidated overview of GSSB member responses,  
37 see [Annex II. Consolidated GSSB Email Responses](#).

38 **Annex I. Email “Items for GSSB Approval by Email before**  
39 **11am CET on 14 Dec 2017”**

**From:** GSSB Secretariat  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 9:18:38 PM  
**To:** Atilla Demir Yerlikaya; Daniel Ingram; Dwight Justice; Evan Harvey; J Kuszewski; Jorge Daniel Taillant; Julia Wilson; Jürgen Buxbaum; Kenton Swift; Kirsten Hovi; Michel Washer; Robyn Leeson; Sulema Pioli; Stiaan Wandrag; Vadakepathth Nandkumar  
**Cc:** GSSB Secretariat; Pamela Carpio; Anna Krotova; Bastian Buck; Gillian Balaban; Klaudia Messova; Laura Espinach; Musarrat Hossain; Sarah Kempke; Sharon Hagen; Tamara Bergkamp; Veronica Wachong Castro; Tina N. Jensen  
**Subject:** Time Sensitive | Items for GSSB Approval by Email before 11am CET on 14 Dec 2017

Dear GSSB members,

As mentioned during the GSSB meeting on 30 November, with this email we would like to seek your approval of the revised draft of *GRI 303: Water and Effluents* for re-exposure, and an additional civil society representative for the GRI Technical Committee on Human Rights Disclosure.

Please find more information about each item below and kindly fill in the following tables by **14 December 2017 11:00 am CET**.

Approval of <i>Item 01 – Revised draft of GRI 303 Water and Effluents</i> for re-exposure		
Name of GSSB member	Vote	
	Yes	No
	x	

Approval of <i>Item 02 – Proposed Technical Committee Member – Human Rights</i>		
Name of GSSB member	Vote	
	Yes	No
	x	

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### Approval of Item 01 – Revised draft of GRI 303 Water and Effluents for re-exposure

Please find attached the revised draft Standard: [Item 01 – Revised draft of GRI 303 Water and Effluents](#) for your approval.

As discussed with the GSSB during the meeting on 30 November, the Standards Division is proposing to publish the revised draft Standard for re-exposure between 20 December 2017 – 18 February 2018. According to Due Process, the need for re-exposure is to be voted on after the approval of the final Standard. However, as discussed on 30 November, we are proposing to re-expose the Standard before the approval of the final Standard.

The contents of the draft Standard have been revised upon feedback received during the public comment held between 10 August – 9 October 2017. The feedback has been discussed extensively by the Project Working Group (PWG) between October – December 2017, and informed the PWG's final recommendations to the contents of the revised draft *GRI 303*.

Please note that one PWG member strongly disagrees with the recommendations of the PWG regarding the definition and calculation method of water consumption, which we would like to bring to your attention as per the [Terms of Reference for the PWG](#). In the proposed definition in the revised draft, water that is stored on site and is not incorporated into products, lost, or transpired/evaporated, is not considered as water consumption. The PWG member strongly believes that water stored on site should be considered consumed for the following reasons:

- Any annual, net stored water is rendered 'unusable by other users' for the reporting period. Therefore, it should be considered consumed in the reporting period.
- The definition does not align with annual water accounting definitions in other non-sector specific reporting frameworks (i.e., CDP).
- The PWG proposed approach unnecessarily overcomplicates water accounting and the concept of consumption. It is not relevant to the majority of organizations and, for those that do store water, an aggregate corporate-wide value would have to be calculated from local volumes.
- Storage volumes are internal to the organization, whereas withdrawal and discharge are volumes measured at the organization's boundary.

You are kindly requested to review [Item 01 – Revised draft of GRI 303 Water and Effluents](#) and indicate if you approve of the revised draft to be published for re-exposure or flag any [fatal flaws](#) that you would like to be addressed [before](#) re-exposure:

- If you agree with re-exposing the revised content of the draft *GRI 303 Water and Effluents* without further changes, **please reply to this email writing an 'X' under 'Yes' in the first table above**. Please copy the GSSB Chair Judy Kuszewski, Anna Krotova, Laura Espinach and Bastian Buck.
- If you want to flag any [fatal flaws](#) which need to be addressed before re-exposure, please reply **asap** upon draft review to the GSSB Chair Judy Kuszewski, Anna Krotova, and Bastian Buck, but no later than **14 December 11:00 am CET**.

To view the full set of changes made to the draft Standard that was exposed during the first public comment period held between 10 August – 9 October 2017, please have a look at the attached version with track changes – [Item 01.1 – Revised draft of GRI 303 Water and Effluents with track changes](#).

For any questions, clarifications about the contents or process as well as language/editorial comments that do not constitute a fatal flaw, please get in touch directly via phone or email with Anna Krotova.

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**Approval of Item 02 – Proposed Technical Committee Member – Human Rights**

Since the GSSB's approval of the membership for the GRI Technical Committee (TC) on Human Rights Disclosure in September 2017, one civil society representative has withdrawn her participation from the TC. In consultation with the GSSB sponsors, an alternative civil society candidate has been identified – Amol Mehra (Executive Director of ICAR).

Please find attached this proposed membership for your approval: [Item 02 – Proposed Technical Committee Member – Human Rights](#). If you agree with this proposal, **please reply to this email writing an 'X' under 'Yes' in the second table above**. Please copy the GSSB Chair Judy Kuszewski, Anna Krotova, Laura Espinach and Bastian Buck.

Please do not hesitate to contact Laura Espinach in case of any questions about the committee membership.

Thank you very much in advance.

Laura

on behalf of the Standards Division

**Laura Espinach** | Manager, Standards



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## Annex II. Consolidated GSSB Email Responses

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<b>Name of GSSB member</b>	<b>Vote</b>				
	<b>Received (CET)</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>		
Michel Washer	11 December 2017, 16:29 PM	X			
NANDKUMAR VA-DAKEPATTH	11 December 2017, 16:40 PM	X		In my opinion we can go ahead with Re-exposure. Though personally I am not comfortable with certain terminology – like all areas, but I can live with it.	
Jürgen Buxbaum	11 December, 19:13 PM	X			
Stiaan Wandrag	12 December 2017, 05:58 AM	X			
Robyn Leeson	12 December, 07:34 AM	X			
Sulema Pioli	13 December 2017, 16:24 PM	X		- Not sure if I understood what we suppose to do with the listed points made by one member of the PWG, although I tend to agree with those points... - Item 01 – line 198 – word stewarding, and line 239 - steward: – is there time to change to preserve /	

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				maintain? The translation can be (very much) tricky!	
Julia Wilson	13 December 2017, 22:19 PM	X			
Kent Swift		X			
Kirsten Margrethe Hovi	14 December, 10:13 AM	X			
Atilla Yerlikaya	14 December, 14:53 PM	X			
Dwight W. Justice	14 December 2017, 15:30 PM	X		With my concern over the new paragraph that I raised with the secretariat	Addressed in the draft – changes in the text made: (lines 146-153): "Moreover, since water is a shared resource, organizations, particularly water-intensive ones, can also use this information to identify opportunities for more effective water use leading in turn to wider positive impacts that benefit the ecosystem and other water users" (Introduction section)
Evan Harvey	14 December 2017, 15:57 PM	X			
Jorge Daniel Taillant	14 December 2017, 16:11 PM	X			
Judy Kuszewski	14 December 2017, 16:24 PM	X			
Daniel Ingram	14 December 2017, 17:16 PM	X			

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Kent Swift		X			
Kirsten Margrethe Hovi	14 December, 10:13 AM	X			
Atila Yerlikaya	14 December, 14:53 PM	X			
Dwight W. Justice	14 December 2017, 15:30 PM	X			
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