



1 **Item 02 – Summary of the GSSB vote on the Project**
2 **Working Group Membership for the Review of GRI**
3 **Waste Disclosures**

4 **For information**
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Date 11 September

Description This paper sets out a summary of the process of two electronic votes held between 5-11 July and 20-23 August by the GSSB on the approval of Project Working Group membership for the review of GRI waste disclosures.



6 Summary of the GSSB vote on the Project Working 7 Group Membership for the Review of GRI Waste Dis- 8 closures

9 On 5 July, the GSSB has been presented with *Item 01 – Proposed Project Working Group composition for*
10 *the review of GRI waste disclosures* via email and was requested to indicate whether they approve the
11 proposed membership. Due to time restrictions imposed by the project schedule commencing in Sep-
12 tember, and in the absence of GSSB meetings in July and August 2018, the GSSB has agreed to hold
13 the vote electronically. For original email, see [Annex I. Email record 5 July – “Approval requested:](#)
14 [Proposed PWG composition – GRI Waste disclosures”](#).

15 Some GSSB members have raised concerns about the imbalance of constituencies and lack of specific
16 expertise in the proposed PWG membership. Specifically, GSSB members were concerned that Busi-
17 ness Enterprise constituency was not sufficiently represented, and that sectors dealing with high vol-
18 umes of waste and/or hazardous waste were not represented.

19 On 9 July, in consultation with the Standards Division, the GSSB Chair has put forward an alternative
20 proposal for GSSB approval. The GSSB Chair called on GSSB members to approve the proposed PWG
21 membership with the provision that the Standards Division will search for two Business Enterprise
22 constituency representatives. The Standards Division would submit these two representatives for
23 GSSB approval as soon as these have been identified and their applications received. The GSSB was
24 provided with instructions on how to submit an electronic vote and was requested to vote by 11 July
25 10:00 am CEST. For original email, see [Annex II. Email record 9 July - “Approval requested: Additional](#)
26 [membership – GRI Waste disclosures”](#).

27 GSSB members Atilla Yerlikaya, Dwight Justice, Evan Harvey, Judy Kuszewski, Julia Wilson, Jürgen
28 Buxbaum, Kenton Swift, Kirsten Margrethe Hovi, Michel Washer, Robyn Leeson, Sulema Pioli, Tony
29 Mo, Vadakepatth Nandkumar, and Vincent Kong have all voted and have all approved the PWG mem-
30 bership with the provision that the Standards Division will search for two additional candidates from
31 the Business Enterprise constituency. For a consolidated overview of GSSB member responses and
32 comments, see [Annex III. Consolidated GSSB Email Responses 12 July](#).

33 On 20 August, the GSSB was presented with *Item 01 – Revised PWG Membership for GRI Waste Disclo-*
34 *sures Review* via email and was requested to indicate whether GSSB members approve of the revised
35 membership. The GSSB was provided with instructions on how to submit an electronic vote and was
36 requested to vote by 23 August 17:00 pm CET. For original email, see [Annex IV. Email record 20](#)
37 [August - “Approval requested: Additional membership – GRI Waste disclosures”](#).

38 GSSB members Atilla Yerlikaya, Dwight Justice, Evan Harvey, Judy Kuszewski, Julia Wilson, Jürgen
39 Buxbaum, Kenton Swift, Kirsten Margrethe Hovi, Michel Washer, Robyn Leeson, Sulema Pioli, Tony
40 Mo, Vadakepatth Nandkumar, and Vincent Kong have all voted and have all approved the revised
41 membership. For a consolidated overview of GSSB member responses and comments, see [Annex V.](#)
42 [Consolidated GSSB Email Responses 23 August](#).



43 **Annex I. Email record 5 July - “Approval requested:**
44 **Proposed PWG composition – GRI Waste disclosures”**

From: GSSB Secretariat [*contact information removed*]
Sent: 05 July 2018 17:24
To: Atilla Demir Yerlikaya; Dwight Justice; Evan Harvey; J Kuszewski; Julia Wilson; Jürgen Buxbaum; Kenton Swift; Kirsten Hovi; Michel Washer; Rob Leeson; Sulema Pioli; Tony Mo; Vadakepathth Nandkumar; Vincent Kong [*contact information removed*]
Cc: Bastian Buck; Anna Krotova [*contact information removed*]
Subject: Approval requested: Proposed PWG composition - GRI waste disclosures

Dear GSSB members,

As mentioned during the GSSB meeting on 28 June, with this email we would like to seek your approval of the proposed Project Working Group composition for the review of GRI waste disclosures.

Please find attached the proposed membership for your approval: [Item 01 – Proposed Project Working Group composition for the review of GRI waste disclosures](#). If you agree with this proposal, please reply to this email writing an ‘X’ under ‘Yes’, or ‘No’ in the second table above if you disagree. Please copy the GSSB Chair Judy Kuszewski, Anna Krotova and Bastian Buck.

Please kindly submit your vote by 11 July 10:00 am CEST.

Approval of <u>Item 01 – Proposed Project Working Group composition for the review of GRI waste disclosures</u>		
Name of GSSB member	Vote	
	Yes	No

In addition, please find attached for your information only [Item 02 – Overview of applications received for the review of GRI waste disclosures](#), for an overview of all applications received during the recruitment process.

Please do not hesitate to contact Anna Krotova [*contact information removed*] in case of any questions about the Project Working Group membership.

With kind regards
Gill



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Annex II. Email record 9 July - “Approval requested:

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Additional membership – GRI Waste disclosures”

From: J Kuszewski [*contact information removed*]
Sent: Monday, July 9, 2018 13:56 PM
To: Atilla Demir Yerlikaya; Dwight Justice; Evan Harvey; J Kuszewski; Julia Wilson; Jürgen Buxbaum; Kenton Swift; Kirsten Hovi; Michel Washer; Rob Leeson; Sulema Pioli; Tony Mo; Vadakepatth Nandkumar; Vincent Kong [*contact information removed*]
Cc: Anna Krotova; Bastian Buck [*contact information removed*]
Subject: RE: Approval requested: Additional membership – GRI Waste disclosures

Dear GSSB,

Thank you all for your responses to this, and your thoughts on working group composition. In this note, I would like to propose a way forward, and to provide you with some additional context, which I hope you will find helpful.

First, the proposal:

- **I would like to ask for your approval of the proposed slate of candidates, with the proviso that we will search for and add two further business representatives.**

Moving ahead with the slate now will allow the standards division to schedule the meetings and ensure we can hold to our project timelines.

I recognise your views about balance, and would like to ensure you that we will improve the representation of business on this working group. I am sure you noticed that there were actually quite a few business applicants to the working group, but they were (a) heavily concentrated in one sector, (b) too junior for the level of discussion required, or (c) not sufficiently fluent in English to participate satisfactorily. We did have another applicant of good quality from a relevant sector, but the company has already participated in two working groups in the past year, so there is a concern about over-exposure.

Because of the above, cold-calling is required now to go in search of new business candidates. Because of the time this requires, I would like to have your support for the remaining slate of candidates.

Some of you have raised questions about the number of Mediating Institutions represented in the slate. The particular candidates from this category have highly relevant experience, many of them with the reporting companies that will be most affected by these standards. While this experience may not be a substitute for the direct participation of business, it would be a mistake (in my view) to exclude their clear expertise. This is why the proposed solution is to increase business, rather than rearrange or decrease other constituencies.

I know some members have already indicated their approval of the proposed slate – if you are in agreement, it is necessary to vote again to indicate your approval of the revised plan.

I hope this suggestion helps resolve the concerns you have, and allows us to move ahead with the plan without affecting the time table.

In the future, I would like us to improve how we bring these requests to you, to ensure there is sufficient clarity and opportunity to ask questions. Thank you for your continued support.

All the best,



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47 **Annex III. Consolidated GSSB Email Responses 12 July**

Approval of Item 01 – Proposed Project Working Group composition for the review of GRI waste disclosures				Notes
Name of GSSB member	Vote			
	Received	Yes	No	
Julia Wilson	Mon 09/07/2018 10:08	X		Approved — thanks.
Vadakepathth Nandkumar	Mon 09/07/2018 14:19	X		Based on Judy mail received today. I give my concurrence, hope the identified issues will be addressed.
Evan Harvey	Mon 09/07/2018 15:28	X		I support the revised proposal. The issues regarding group diversity and business representation are compelling (indeed, it's the kind of thing that I would typically argue for), but the roster does not seem deficient enough to me to halt progress at this time.
Sulema Pioli	Mon 09/07/2018 15:58	X		Although recognizing the point made by Kirsten, Jürgen and Robyn, I do agree with Evan: for me, the working group does not have a fatal deficiency in terms of diversity/business representation. Thus, I do support the revised proposal.
Kent Swift	Mon 09/07/2018 17:23	X		I vote to approve the proposed working group for the review of GRI waste disclosures, with the provisions added by Judy Kuszewski
Jurgen Buxbaum	Mon 09/07/2018 19:30	X		Thanks for your message. I do not dare to argue that on the basis of your proposal business would have a too strong weight in the PWG. This because today I have to report that unfortunately we will not be able to nominate only one labour candidate for participation in the group. In other words, I agree with your proposal.
Dwight Justice	Mon 09/07/2018 20:07	X		Same for me. (Added to the response from Jurgen Buxbaum)
Vincent Kong	Tue 10/07/2018 07:38	X		I support the revised proposal
Robyn Leeson	Tue 10/07/2018 07:44	X		Happy to support the slate of candidates to ensure progress. Thanks for the clarification on the food waste protocol and discussions with WRI.
Michel Washer	Tue 10/07/2018 11:53	X		Yes
Kirsten Hovi	Tue 10/07/2018 12:01	X		I support your revised proposal.



Judy Kuszewski	Tue 10/07/2018 12:15	X		Subject to the revised proposal put forward – the provision that we will add two further business members to this PWG, yes
Tony Mo	Wed 11/07/2018 02:22	X		I am happy to support your revised proposal.
Atilla Yerlikaya	Wed 11/07/2018 11:30	X		I agree with the proposal.



48 **Annex IV. Email record 20 August - “Approval re-**
49 **quested: Proposed PWG composition – GRI Waste**
50 **disclosures”**

From: GSSB Secretariat [*contact information removed*]
Sent: Monday, August 20, 2018 5:06 PM
To: Atilla Demir Yerlikaya; Dwight Justice; Evan Harvey; J Kuszewski; Julia Wilson; Jürgen Buxbaum; Kenton Swift; Kirsten Hovi; Michel Washer; Rob Leeson; Sulema Pioli; Tony Mo; Vadakepath Nandkumar; Vincent Kong [*contact information removed*]
Cc: Anna Krotova; Bastian Buck [*contact information removed*]
Subject: Approval requested: Additional membership – GRI Waste disclosures

Dear GSSB members,

On 12 July GSSB has approved the proposed Project Working Group membership for the review of GRI Waste disclosures project with the provision that the Standards Division will search for two additional business representatives over the summer. The GSSB had concerns about constituency imbalance and underrepresentation of sectors dealing with high volumes of waste and/or with hazardous waste in the proposed composition.

The Standards Division has been successful in securing two additional applications from business representatives – Rhys Jenkins, Principal Environmental Advisor at Rio Tinto and Claudio Mosti, Environmental Solutions Global Manager at Enel.

Please find attached this revised membership for approval: [Item 01 – Revised PWG Membership for GRI Waste Disclosures Review](#). If you agree with this proposal, please reply to this email writing an ‘X’ under ‘Yes’ in the table below by 17.00 pm CET on 23 August. Please copy the GSSB Chair Judy Kuszewski, Anna Krotova, and Bastian Buck.

Approval of <u>Item 01 – Revised PWG Membership for GRI Waste Disclosures Review</u>		
Name of GSSB member	Vote	
	Yes	No

Please do not hesitate to contact Anna Krotova [*contact information removed*] in case of any questions about the PWG membership.

Thank you very much in advance.

With kind regards
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52 **Annex V. Consolidated GSSB Email Responses 23 Au-**
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Approval of Item 01 – Revised PWG Membership for GRI Waste Disclosures Review				Notes
Name of GSSB member	Vote			
	Received	Yes	No	
Jürgen Buxbaum	Mon 20/08/2018 17:25	X		
Kirsten Margrethe Hovi	Mon 20/08/2018 18:19	x		Thank you for following up – most satisfying!
Nandkumar Vadakepatth	Mon 20/08/2018 19:00	x		
Judy Kuszewski	Mon 20/08/2018 19:08	X		
Michel Washer	Tue 21/08/2018 09:56	X		
Evan Harvey	Tue 21/08/2018 14:36	X		
Vincent Kong	Tue 21/08/2018 15:57	X		
Sulema Pioli	Tue 21/08/2018 16:35	X		
Kent Swift	Tue 21/08/2018 18:43	X		I vote to approve the revision in the membership of the PWG Membership for GRI Waste Disclosures Review.
Robyn Leeson	Tue 21/08/2018 22:57	X		
Julia Wilson	Tue 21/08/2018 22:59	X		
Tony Mo	Wed 22/08/2018 03:24	X		
Dwight Justice	Wed, 22/08/2018 14:45	X		
Atila Yerlikaya	NA			<p>Atila Yerlikaya had submitted a letter of resignation from the GSSB on 23 August and therefore did not submit an official vote.</p> <p>Atila did agree with the proposal by Judy Kuszewski to vote for the initial PWG membership with the provision that the Standards Division search for additional representatives from the Business Enterprise constituency (see Annex III).</p> <p>According to para 17 in the GSSB Terms of Reference, “the work of the GSSB shall not be invalidated by its inability at any time to have a full complement of members according to the above constituency allocation, although the IAC shall use its best endeavors to achieve the constituency allocation”.</p>



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