Item 05 – Addendum to the Textiles and Apparel Project Proposal

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<td>This paper sets out an addendum to the project proposal for Sector Standard Project for Textiles and Apparel (approved by the GSSB on 10 February 2022) clarifying the proposed scope of applicability, as per the presentation made to the GSSB on 28 March 2023.</td>
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Clarification on scope of applicability

The project proposal for Sector Standard Project for Textiles and Apparel (approved by the GSSB on 10 February 2022) proposes that the Sector Standard for textiles and apparel will apply to organizations whose primary focus lies on textile production, apparel manufacturing, footwear manufacturing, and apparel and footwear retail.

The term apparel is widely used, and its definition varies from being just the same as clothing, to including headwear, facial coverings, accessories such as scarves, sunglasses, jewelry, shoes, and other articles worn as clothing.

The proposal text does not make specific mention of accessories or jewelry. However, in Table 1 of the proposal in which the Proposed sector key for the Sector Standards Project for Textiles and Apparel are listed for some of the main sector classification standards, there is specific mention to subcategories “accessories” and “luxury items” under ICB and “luxury goods” under GICS.

Considering the above, this addendum clarifies that the Sector Standard for textiles and apparel will also apply to organizations whose primary focus lies on:

- accessories and jewelry manufacturing, and
- accessories and jewelry retail.

The scope of applicability of the Sector Standard for textiles and apparel will also be discussed with the Textiles and Apparel Working Group.

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2. Luxury goods encompass “fine jewelry” (jewelry that is made from precious metals or uses genuine gemstones) and accessories include jewelry which does not include precious metals.

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