Item 04 – GRI Sector Standards Project for Oil, Gas, and Coal – Proposed member for working group

For GSSB approval

Date 8 October 2020
Meeting 22 October 2020
Project GRI Sector Standards Project for Oil, Gas, and Coal
Description This proposal follows on from the Proposed Project Working Group Composition for the Oil, Gas and Coal Sector Standard approved on 27 June 2019. This report sets out a recommendation by the GRI Standards Division to nominate a new member to the PWG to replace a departing PWG member.
Background

The GSSB approved the Project Proposal for an Oil, Gas and Coal Sector Standard on 25 March 2019.

In line with the GSSB’s Due Process Protocol, a multi-stakeholder Project Working Group (hereafter “PWG”) was called upon to develop content for an Oil, Gas, and Coal Sector Standard. The GRI Standards Division (Standards Division) prepared the Terms of Reference for the Oil, Gas and Coal Project Working Group and the Application Form. The open call for applications started on 4 April 2019 and finished on 4 May 2019.

The proposed composition for the Oil, Gas and Coal PWG was presented to the GSSB for approval on 27 of June 2019. GSSB Decision 2019.13 resolved to approve Item 02 – Proposed Project Working Group Composition for the Oil, Gas and Coal Sector Standard.

Following the decision to separate oil and gas contents from coal contents, the SD proposes a number of management measures in Item 02 – Cover note to exposure draft of Sector Standard: Oil and Gas to ensure a smooth development process.

Helen Murphy, IPIECA who was temporarily appointed to the PWG on 10 December 2019, GSSB Decision 2019.21, has informed the Standards Division of her decision to leave IPIECA as well as vacate her seat on the PWG, earlier this summer. Ms. Murphy’s appointment was a temporary replacement for Ms. Collacott, IPIECA, on maternity leave until 2021. Continued discussions with IPIECA representatives indicated that Ms. Collacott, will not resume her membership on the PWG by 2021.

The Standards Division proposes the addition of new representative from IPIECA – a global oil and gas industry association for advancing environmental and social performance in the sector – to the PWG. This will ensure continuity in perspective and business representation, important for the delivery and adoption of this first Sector Standard.

The upcoming work of the PWG will focus on reviewing and responding to significant comments raised during the public comment period held from 8 July to 6 October, on the draft of the first pilot Sector Standard: Oil and Gas.

This paper details the proposed replacement from IPIECA to join the Oil, Gas and Coal PWG.

Selection process and criteria

In line with the Due Process Protocol, the PWG membership should reflect a balance of multi-stakeholder constituencies. As a minimum, the PWG shall have at least one person drawn from each of the constituencies on which the membership of the GSSB is based: Business Enterprise (or reporters more generally), Civil Society, Investment Institutions, Labor, and Mediating Institutions.

According to the Terms of Reference for the Oil, Gas and Coal Project Working Group, the principal criterion for selecting PWG members is the identification of the best profiles for the job. Selection criteria also include relevant knowledge and experience in Oil, Gas and Coal and availability to perform the role. Geographical, gender and cultural diversity are also considered.

The following criteria have been considered:

- relevant knowledge of sustainability reporting for the sector
- familiarity with the needs of users of sustainability reports
• related experience with multi-stakeholder initiatives
• understanding of and willingness to work in a consensus-based, multi-stakeholder PWG
• ability to participate in PWG meetings held in English and provide written English feedback when requested.
Proposed member for the PWG

The Standards Division proposes Isabel Miranda, Senior Manager for Social Responsibility and Sustainable Development, for the Oil, Gas and Coal PWG. Isabel Miranda meets the selection criteria outlined in the terms of reference for this committee. Her bio is presented below for GSSB consideration.

**Constituency:** Business Enterprise

**Job title:**
Senior Manager for Social Responsibility and Sustainable Development

**Organization:**
IPIECA

**Region:** Europe (United Kingdom)

**Biographical note:**
- Senior Manager for Social Responsibility and Sustainable Development at IPIECA – the oil and gas industry association for advancing environmental and social issues. Her responsibilities include managing the reporting, social responsibility and human rights working groups.
- External affair professional with over 20-year experience across different industries with particular emphasis in the Oil and Gas sector. Her main areas of expertise include government relations, social risk mitigation and developing strategies to engage with external stakeholders. Having worked across geographies and cultures in Latin America, Europe, West Africa and the Caspian Region, has developed a competence to link corporate strategy to specific deliverables at a local level, particularly in emerging economies that can support business objectives.
- Has held various senior roles in multinational organizations including, BP, ExxonMobil and Petrofac, prior to IPIECA.
- As the Head of Government and Community Relations at Petrofac’s Integrated Energy Services division, she was responsible for overseeing Petrofac’s external stakeholder relations in various geographies with particular emphasis on Mexico, Tunisia and Romania. Worked for BP, where she was part of a major project involving the construction of a pipeline in the Caspian and the inclusion of civil society to monitor and provide inputs during the construction phase.
- Has also worked for the Mexican Government in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and is a Board Member of the Mexican Chamber of Commerce in the UK, a member of Chatham House and the LSE Alumni Society. She holds a Masters Degree in Politics and International Relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE).

**Summary of experience:**
- Involved in overseeing the relations with international financial institutions financing the BTC Pipeline Project in the Caspian region. Also responsible for a major consultation initiative involving the government, communities and civil society in Azerbaijan, Georgia and Turkey.
• Designed a strategic plan 5-year plan on sustainable development for a major oil services company in Mexico and thereafter led its implementation on the ground.
• Experience in Sustainability Reporting in the Oil and Gas Sector. Involved both at corporate levels at BP with the development of the Sustainability Report.
• Headed multi-stakeholder consultation in Equatorial Guinea to improve the delivery of a more strategic community investment plan.
• Advised the non-for-profit sector, supporting the John Smith Trust (JST) to promote good governance and the rule of law in the Former Soviet Union Countries and Central Asia.