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Q&A Platform approval of categorisations and explanations

Cover Note

Objective

- 1 Approve the batch of categorisations (paper 08-02), which includes previous categorisations objected by SRB members, as well as new categorisations.
- 2 Approve a new batch of explanations (paper 08-03).

Background

- 1 As of 05 June 2024, EFRAG has received 454 questions through its ESRS Q&A Platform: 164 related to the cross-cutting, 130 to the environment, 79 to the social standards and 13 to the governance standards.
- 2 As of 05 June, EFRAG has released 68 Explanations to respond to stakeholders' technical questions on the ESRS (a new set of 44 explanations was released on 30 May 2024 in a document compiling all explanations issued so far).
- 3 Approval of categorisations: As of 05 June 2024, SRB has approved 315 categorisations.
- 4 Paper 08-02 contains 17 categorisations for approval. It includes five IDs (ID 196, ID 347, ID 457, ID 458, and ID 525) shared with the SRB in connection with the meeting on 02 May (meeting paper '06-02 Categorisations SRB 240502') and whose categorisations were objected in writing by SRB members (following the request of EFRAG Secretariat to the SRB to provide written input after the 02 May meeting).
- 5 SRB members that objected in writing suggested the following change of categorisations (not reflected in paper 08-02): Change ID 196 to explanation [reasoning: ID is considered too narrow for an IG]; change ID 347 to explanation; change ID 457 to explanation [reasoning: explanation has educational value]; change ID 458 to explanation [reasoning: explanation has educational value]; change ID 525 to explanation [reasoning: ID is considered too narrow for an IG]. The SRB is requested to approve or reject the suggested changes.
- 6 Paper 08-03 contains nine explanations for SRB approval on a non-objection basis. EFRAG Secretariat did receive written comments from SRB Working Group members and incorporated them in the explanations.

Questions for EFRAG SRB

- 7 Does the SRB approve the categorisations in paper 08-02? Does the SRB agree to change the categorisations of ID 196, ID 347, ID 457, ID 458, and ID 525 as per the written input received by some SRB members?
- 8 Does the SRB approve on a no-objection basis the batch of explanations approved by SR TEG, with comments from the SRB Working Group incorporated by the EFRAG Secretariat (paper 08-03)?

Next steps

- 9 Categorisations approved by SRB will be sent to SR TEG.
- 10 Explanations approved by SRB will be published on the website once editorial edits are made.
- 11 SRB will discuss/approve the new categorisation in the next SRB session.
- 12 SRB will approve on a no-objection basis the next batch of explanations approved by SR TEG and processed by the SRB Working groups.

Agenda Papers

- 13 In addition to this cover note, agenda papers for this session are:
 - (a) Agenda paper 08-02 – Categorizations SRB meeting 240612
 - (b) Agenda paper 08-03 – Explanations SRB meeting 240612

Appendix 1: Update Q&A Platform as of 05 June 2024

Question related to:	Number of questions received since 24 October 2023
x-cutting	164
Environment	130
Social	79
Governance	13
XBRL	11
VSME	1
LSME	0
Sectors	1
Other	55
not yet allocated to the above	0
TOTAL	454