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Dear Reader,

Welcome to the September edition of the GRI Newsletter. Among the highlights this month: spotlight on investors and corporate disclosure; Deutsche Börse Group fostering ESG transparency; XBRL taking flight in Hong Kong, featured OS - Bank Audi, and featured report - Votorantim Industrial; new era of sustainability assurance; and GRI's Sustainability Disclosure Database reaching 20,000 reports!

Investors and corporate disclosure

Investors have a growing need for timely, comparable and material disclosure of corporate sustainability information to inform their investment decisions. There have been a number of important recent developments to encourage increased corporate disclosure.



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Fostering ESG transparency

Deutsche Börse Group (German Stock Exchange) has conducted research among DAX® companies on the disclosure of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) and sustainability information. One applied research indicator was the use and reference of the GRI Guidelines.

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XBRL takes flight in Hong Kong

The Hong Kong Productivity Council (HKPC) has signed up for the "Early Bird" G4 XBRL Reports Program. This program helps GRI reporters present their reports digitally using the GRI Taxonomy 2013.

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Say hello to a new OS: Bank Audi

OS are key for GRI: they contribute their expertise, play an important governance role, and invest through annual financial contributions.

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20,000 reports in GRI's database!

GRI advanced its pioneering work in the sustainability field today by reaching the important milestone of 20,000 reports registered in GRI's Sustainability Disclosure Database from more than 6,500 organizations.

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This month's featured report – spotlight on Votorantim Industrial

Votorantim Industrial is one of the largest industrial conglomerates in Latin America, operating in various sectors such as Cement, Energy, Pulp, Mining and Metals, Orange Juice and Steel.

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New era of sustainability assurance

Recent research has shown that a growing number of Australian listed companies are setting high standards of accountability and transparency, providing their stakeholders with assured information about their sustainability performance.

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GRI seeking quality control consultants

We are looking for appropriate candidates to implement the evaluation of the Certified Training Programs (CTPs) given by GRI's nominated training partners based in [Benelux](#), [France](#),



Indonesia, Israel, Malaysia, Poland, Russia, and Thailand. If you are interested in working together with GRI to ensure the quality of the CTP, please send us a motivation letter and a short CV in English **before 30 September 2014**.

FEEDBACK



We value your feedback!

We appreciate your comments and input on the newsletter survey. We are working on it and will keep you posted on the progress! Watch this space for further updates.



Upcoming events

- 24 September, 2014
Event: Sustainable Purchasing & Supply Chain Summit
Hosting organization: Revolution/CIPS
Venue: London
GRI Speaker: Shivani Rajpal
- 23-24 September, 2014
Event: Green Business 2014: Sustainable Business Platform
Hosting organization: Sustainability Academy
Venue: Istanbul
GRI Speaker: Juliette Gaussem

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Next newsletter: Wednesday, 1 October 2014

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