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At this meeting, representatives of the GSSB and the SSBJ provided updates on their respective activities and discussed agenda items such as recent developments in the corporate reporting landscape.

The GSSB and the SSBJ plan to continue to exchange views.

Carol Adams, Chair of the GSSB, stated:

"We were delighted to be welcomed to Japan by the SSBJ. We look forward to continuing to explore together how reporting an organisation's most significant impacts on the economy, environment and people, as enabled by the GRI Standards, can help companies in assessing their impacts, risks and opportunities, as well as providing more comprehensive sustainability information to a wide range of stakeholders."

Yasunobu Kawanishi, Chair of the SSBJ, stated:

"On behalf of the SSBJ, it was our great pleasure to welcome the representatives of GRI's GSSB to Tokyo. At this meeting, we were able to confirm our commitment towards better corporate reporting and, as a result, were able to sign a Memorandum of Understanding. We look forward to a continuing this productive relationship with the GRI in the coming years."

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About the Sustainability Standards Board of Japan (SSBJ)

The Sustainability Standards Board of Japan (SSBJ) was established in July 2022 under the FASF and is a private-sector organization. The legal framework for sustainability disclosure standards is to be determined by the FSA, and the SSBJ will develop domestic standards in line with such framework, once it is established. The SSBJ is a member of the Jurisdictional Working Group of the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) and has been appointed as one of the inaugural members of the Sustainability Standards Advisory Forum (SSAF). For more information about the SSBJ, visit its website at https://www.ssb-j.jp/en/.

About the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI)

The Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) is the independent nonprofit organization that is the architect of the common global language to assess and report on environmental, social and economic impacts, manage and take action. GRI provides standards, tools and training that empower organizations of all sizes to create sustainable, long-term value and unlock positive change in the world.

The Global Sustainability Standards Board (GSSB) is the independent entity under GRI's governance with sole responsibility for setting the world's widely used standards for sustainability reporting – the GRI Standards. GSSB members represent a wide range of expertise and multi-stakeholder perspectives on sustainability reporting. The GSSB works exclusively in the public interest and according to the vision and mission of GRI.