



The CEO Water Mandate

Summary of Steering Committee Conference Call, 14 May 2013

Present: N. Barak (Netfim); B. Fulford (GlaxoSmithKline); M. Glade (Molson Coors); J. Morrison (Pacific Institute); C. Piedrahita (Grupo Nutresa); G. Power (UN Global Compact); J. Rother (Bayer); I. Studler (AkzoNobel Latin America)

Agenda item	
<p>1. Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G. Power opened the conference call by welcoming Mr Carlos Piedrahita, Chief Executive Officer Grupo Nutresa, to the Steering Committee, representing one of the Latin American seats. Mr Piedrahita will serve a two-year term on the Steering Committee of the CEO Water Mandate. • G. Power noted that the conference call would focus mainly on Secretariat updates. 	
<p>2. DLA Piper Project; and World Water Week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per the agreement with DLP Piper, the law firm is undertaking a pro-bono legal review and comparative analysis of existing water infrastructure projects, and will present an overview of its preliminary findings during the CEO Water Mandate conference in Stockholm during World Water Week (September 2013). • In relation to World Water Week, the CEO Water Mandate plans to convene its annual multi-stakeholder conference on 4 September. The conference will focus on the Mandate's primary work areas and guidance documents, including collective action; water disclosure; and water/sanitation and human rights. During the week, the Mandate will also take part in a UN-Water workshop on collective action and partnerships, as well as a seminar being co-organized by the Mandate, GIZ and the Alliance for Water Stewardship. 	
<p>3. UNGC Post-2015 Submission to the Secretary-General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ G. Power informed the Steering Committee that the UN Global Compact would be submitting its final Post-2015 report to the UN Secretary-General in June 2013. As previously communicated, the UN Global Compact was invited to develop its own submission to 	

<p>the UN Secretary-General, ahead of the UN General Assembly discussions on the Millennium Development Goals, to take place in September 2013 during the 68th session of the GA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ G. Power indicated to the Steering Committee that water and sanitation will likely receive prominent attention in the UNGC's final submission, adding that the content would be informed in part by the Mandate's Mumbai conference and related consultation (March 2013). 	
<p>4. UN Global Compact Leaders Summit 2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ G. Power provided an update of plans related to the Global Compact's Leaders Summit, scheduled for 19-20 September. ▪ The Leaders Summit, held every three years, will be themed "Architects of a Better World" and will focus on how the responsible business community can contribute to effective realization of the forthcoming Post-2015 sustainable development objectives. ▪ During the Summit, there will be opportunities to highlight the CEO Water Mandate, including the Water Action Hub – as an example of a collective-action implementation platform. ▪ As well, the CEO Water Mandate plans to convene its own side event on 19 September. The session will focus on the corporate water stewardship and the Post-2015 agenda – extending the conversations that took place in Mumbai in March. <p>5. UN Deputy Secretary-General's Sanitation Initiative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Secretariat informed the Steering Committee that it is continuing to actively support the DSG's global sanitation initiative. The Secretariat has taken part in a number of strategy sessions convened by the DSG and his office. The DSG is keenly interested in how the international business community can be more actively mobilized to support sanitation objectives. ▪ In addition to highlighting the importance of sanitation during the Mumbai conference, the Mandate is developing a white paper and stock-taking on how companies can contribute to addressing sanitation challenges – either via core business or through strategic social investment. ▪ The Mandate's side event on 19 September will feature a segment on the sanitation challenge, with the aim of encouraging more companies to pursue related activities. ▪ C. Piedrahita of Grupo Nutresa and B. Fulford of GlaxoSmithKline 	

each noted that their companies have embarked on sanitation initiatives via philanthropic efforts. In the case of Grupo Nutresa, the activities focused on dedicating a portion of fair-trade coffee proceeds to improving sanitation access and facilities in schools.

6. Water Action Hub

- The Secretariat reported that interest and project postings continue to grow in relation to the Water Action Hub. WaterAid International, for example, recently posted several dozen projects on the Hub, and issued a related global press release. As well, projects in the Thames River Basin were being added, and there is interest in convening a meeting in the Western US tied to the Hub's efforts on the Colorado River, which could also result in additional project postings and collective action efforts for the river basin.

7. CEO Water Mandate Conference: Spring 2014

- The Secretariat reminded the Steering Committee of the informal proposal to convene the Spring 2014 conference in Israel.
- N. Barak from Netafim was asked by the Secretariat to develop a short concept note for future consideration by the Steering Committee.

8. Miscellaneous

- J. Morrison will be representing the Mandate at both the upcoming Asia Pacific Water Summit, and a meeting of the UN Secretary-General's Advisory Board, taking place in Milan, Italy.
- The next conference call of the Steering Committee will be scheduled for July 2013.