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26 May 2021

#### Dear CEO name,

As investor signatories to the Workforce Disclosure Initiative (WDI), we are writing to you to ask [company name] to take part in the 2021 WDI survey later this year. Our group of organisations represents \$7.5 trillion and we are seeking to better understand how companies are managing their key asset: their workforce.

As the world grapples with the ramifications of the COVID-19 pandemic, it has become increasingly clear that how corporations manage social issues and how they care for their workers is a key part of our fiduciary duty. When companies mismanage or overlook their responsibilities to their staff and supply chain, there are real world implications for people's lives and livelihoods, as well as the organisation's reputation, bottom line and future profitability bottom line and future profitability.<sup>1</sup>

The WDI generates meaningful and comparable data about corporate workforce management for investors through an annual survey. Despite substantial efforts to date in company reporting, the information published in corporations' reports and online is not sufficient for us to fully understand how they are identifying and managing workforce risks, how they are attracting and retaining the best talent, and how they are ensuring their workers are safe and fairly remunerated; further there is now much research to prove that far from being a financial cost to the company, the workforce really is the key company asset and fundamental to its long-term success.<sup>2</sup>

We appreciate that you receive many requests for information; our aim is to help streamline this process by joining together in support of the WDI rather than each sending separate enquiries. Where applicable, the WDI survey aligns with other frameworks (the GRI, UNGP, CHRB etc) but its questions have a deeper and broader remit than those covered elsewhere to garner the level of information we as investors need. The WDI team can also pre-populate a response for you, with relevant information already in the public domain, to help you get started.

Last year, 141 companies from around the world took part, including the likes of BMO Global Asset Management, HSBC, The Toronto-Dominion Bank and Wells Fargo. To view the public findings report that resulted from the 2020 responses, please go to <a href="https://shareaction.org/workforce-disclosure-initiative/why-disclose-to-the-wdi/workforce-disclosure-initiative-2020-findings/">https://shareaction.org/workforce-disclosure-initiative/why-disclose-to-the-wdi/workforce-disclosure-initiative-2020-findings/</a>.

The survey goes live on Monday 5 July and the submission deadline is Friday 29 October. Please confirm, by email to wdi@shareaction.org, to whom we should send the survey.

<sup>1</sup> https://lwp.law.harvard.edu/files/lwp/files/final human capital materiality april 23 2015.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://corporatejustice.org/2018\_good-business-report.pdf



Thank you for your consideration of this important process, which is of substantial value to us as investors and, based on experience in previous years, also provides participating companies with considerable rewards through better workforce management and working conditions.

Yours sincerely,

The WDI investor signatory group

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In the interests of transparency, we encourage you to make all sections of your response fully public, though this is not a requirement. Data not submitted publicly will be available only to investor signatories and those administering the survey on our behalf.

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In order to help us understand your approach to these issues more fully, we therefore request that you complete the WDI survey, when it goes live on 5 July.

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We hope that you found the Disclosure Scorecards useful and that they helped to guide internal conversations about where there are data gaps, and how you can change your policies and practices to ensure workers are well treated and that your organisation is identifying and adequately mitigating workforce risks.

As an ongoing data gathering exercise to inform our engagement and future assessments, especially in the light of the Covid-19 crisis, we request your completion of the WDI 2021 survey by the deadline of **29 October**.

Please direct any questions or comments to <a href="wdi@shareaction.org">wdi@shareaction.org</a>. Thank you in anticipation of your continued commitment to this important process, which is of substantial value to us as investors and, based on experience in previous years, also to you and your team. We look forward to your response and further dialogue to develop our understanding of your firm's approach to managing people.

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