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Press Release

Dhaka Stock Exchange Limited (DSE) and Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) entered into an agreement on May 20, 2018 to receive mutual benefits such as formal recognition as partner, capacity building for stock exchange, arrange seminars and trainings for listed companies/securities, provide input to the stock exchange on the development of their own guidance document, support the stock exchange in initiating their sustainability reporting journey, facilitate regional peer to peer learning with other stock exchanges,

Under this agreement, Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) in collaboration with Dhaka Stock Exchange Limited (DSE) organized a workshop on Corporate Transparency & Sustainability Reporting on May 20, 2018 at Pan Pacific Sonargaon, Dhaka. The GRI Sustainability Reporting Standards (GRI Standards) are the first and most widely adopted global standards for sustainability reporting. The main objective of the workshop was to expand its commitment to fostering effective ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) performance and communication among listed companies of Dhaka Stock Exchange and to provide guidance to companies on ESG disclosures in Bangladesh.

Professor Dr. Swapan Kumar Bala, FCMA, Commissioner, Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) was the Chief Guest of the workshop. Dr. Bala emphasized on
how Bangladesh Capital Market actively engages in its commitment to promote improved ESG disclosure and performance among listed companies. Corporate Governance Guideline flung in 2006, initiatives have been taken for making effect ESG, SDG and MDG are major goal of the Government. The collaboration with GRI will offer us the opportunity to deliver internationally renowned ESG reporting expertise in Bangladesh, which would be of benefit to all our capital market stakeholders, Dr. Bala added. DSE Managing Director Mr. K. A. M. Majedur Rahman said that through our collaboration with GRI, DSE will be able to increase greater awareness among the listed companies/securities that can be beneficial to them which will help bring strong business results.

Ms. Rubina Sen, Senior Coordinator, GRI South Asia and Ms. Pallavi Atre, Sustainability Expert, GRI South Asia were the key facilitators in the workshop. GRI is an independent international organization that has pioneered sustainability reporting since 1997. GRI helps businesses and governments worldwide understand and communicate their impact on critical sustainability issues such as climate change, human rights, governance and social well-being. This enables real action to create social, environmental and economic benefits for everyone. The GRI Sustainability Reporting Standards are developed with true multi-stakeholder contributions and rooted in the public interest. GRI Standards are the first and most widely adopted global standards for sustainability reporting.