

Appendix 1 – Commitments and Fee Structure

Registering companies are asked to:

- **Prepare a corporate-wide inventory of GHG emissions for the six major GHGs**, based on the accounting standards and guidelines outlined by the World Resources Institute (WRI) and the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) GHG Protocol. Unit- or region-specific inventories are permitted provided there is a commitment to develop a corporate-wide inventory by a certain date;
- **Allow the reported information to be made publicly available on a Web-based platform**, updating it annually;
- **Have their inventories of GHG emissions independently verified.** To ensure a minimum level of credibility in the registered data, companies are required either to arrange for independent verification of their inventories or to allow for the possibility of a third-party spot check organized by the Register. For companies not arranging their own verification, the Register will, each year, randomly select a number of companies for a review of the reliability, credibility and accuracy of their monitoring and documentation processes.

The Register also encourages registration of:

- **Emission reduction targets.** Registration of GHG emission reduction targets and programmes is invited and encouraged but not required for registration of a GHG inventory;
- **Financial Reporting.** In time, registering companies will also have an opportunity to indicate whether they incorporate GHG emissions reporting in their financial statements and annual reports in accordance with emerging financial accounting standards, such as those under development by the International Accounting Standards Board.

More detailed documents outlining specific registration criteria and the verification process are available on request.

Fee Structure

Registration is free. However, any company registering an unverified emission inventory will be asked to contribute an additional fee of 10,000 euros per year to cover the costs of the random verifications.

Appendix 2 – Participant Agreement

With this agreement, _____ agrees to participate in the World Economic Forum's ("The Forum") Global Greenhouse Gas ("GHG") Register.

Specifically, _____ commits to:

- **Prepare a corporate-wide inventory of GHG emissions for the six major GHGs,¹** based on the accounting standards and guidelines outlined by the World Resources Institute (WRI) and the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) GHG Protocol. Unit- or region-specific inventories are permitted provided there is a commitment to develop a corporate-wide inventory by a certain date (not exceeding 2 years);
- **Allow the reported information to be made publicly available on a Web-based platform,** updating it annually;
- **Have the inventories of GHG emissions independently verified.** If an inventory is not independently verified at the time of registration, the company commits to having processes in place to ensure that the information provided is verifiable. In such situations, the company is prepared to allow for the possibility of a random third-party spot check organized by the Register. Each year, the Register will organize random spot checks on a small proportion of companies that do not already have verified inventories. The company agrees to make relevant documents available for random independent review.²

The Register also encourages registration of:

- **Emission reduction targets.** Registration of GHG emission reduction targets and programmes is invited and encouraged but not required for registration of a GHG inventory. If an emission reduction target is registered, the company commits to annually reporting inventory data and documenting progress towards its reduction goal;
- **Financial Reporting.** In time, registering companies will also have an opportunity to indicate whether they incorporate GHG emissions reporting in their financial statements and annual reports in accordance with emerging financial accounting standards, such as those under development by the International Accounting Standards Board.

In return, the Forum commits to:

- Provide a credible, transparent GHG reporting mechanism that enables the voluntary recording of GHG emissions in a consistent, reliable format;
- In conjunction with relevant organizations, recruit broad participation from relevant economic sectors and geographical jurisdictions;
- Provide opportunities for high-level public recognition and promotion of participating companies at press events, media briefings, in articles in business and trade publications and at speaking engagements at industry conferences;
- Prepare progress reports on the Register and identify issues for consideration in the evolution of the Register.

1. Carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄), nitrous dioxide (N₂O), hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs) and sulphur hexafluoride (SF₆).

2. The verification process is discussed in further detail in a separate verification document.

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General Terms:

- Either party can terminate this agreement at any time without prior notification or penalties and no further obligation. The Forum agrees not to comment publicly regarding the withdrawal of partners. If at any point either party defaults on this agreement, the agreement will be considered null and void;
- The partner agrees that the activities it undertakes connected with this agreement are not intended to provide services to the Forum and that the partner will not seek compensation from the Forum;
- The partner agrees that it will not claim or imply that its participation in the Global GHG Register programme constitutes Forum approval or endorsement of anything other than the commitment to the programme and will not make statements or imply that the Forum endorses the purchase or sale of the partner's products and services or the views of the organization.

Company name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Company Representative:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

_____, on behalf of
[Signature]

_____, understands and agrees to the terms of the Global GHG Register.
[Company name]