***Letter template for Accord signatories to send Bangladesh suppliers re RSC funding – 2 March 2023***

Dear Business Partner.

We write to you today to address an important matter. As you are aware brands, global trade unions along with their local affiliates and manufacturers jointly lead and operate the RMG Sustainability Council (RSC) to safeguard Occupational Health & Safety, and secure the reputation of the Bangladesh RMG Industry. Over the last decade the organization has developed into a globally acclaimed programme, which has contributed significantly to transform Bangladesh to one of the safest and preferred production countries for garments worldwide.

With manufacturers (represented by BGMEA/BKMEA) as equal partners within the RSC, the industry committed to contribute to the costs of the RSC which underscores the commitment and ownership of the local industry to the long-term sustainability and success of the RSC. Concretely, industry committed to contribute 20% of the annual budget of the RSC, while the remainder of the budget will be covered through the annual signatory fees of the brands.

In order for industry to effectively contribute its share of the annual budget of the RSC, invoices have been sent to all the RSC-covered factories by the BGMEA/BKMEA. However, we have been informed that numerous factories have not yet paid their dues for 2022 and 2023. If this refers to you or the information is erroneous, then kindly inform the BGMEA/BKMEA immediately.

In the event that your factory has not paid its dues, kindly arrange to settle the invoiced amount with the BGMEA/BKMEA within the next 5 days and collect the money receipt from your association in order to acknowledge your subscription.

Please contact BGMEA/BKMEA:

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As your business partner we are contributing significantly to the RSC. We therefore consider it is of the utmost importance that industry is able to contribute its agreed dues so the RSC can continue to operate effectively and efficiently as a strong service provider for us both.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us or the industry associations mentioned. We ask you to prioritise this and appreciate a positive feedback.