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To: All Hon'ble Members of BGMEA

Subject: Invitation for enrollment in the Green Button Qualification Programme (GBQP) to develop factory in accordance with Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS).

Dear Sir,

Assalamu Alaikum.

You all are aware that BGMEA and GIZ have been working together to improve compliance standards in the readymade garment (RMG) and textile factories in Bangladesh since 2007 under different German Bangladesh bilateral development cooperation projects.

Currently, a new German Bangladesh bilateral project named "Programme for Sustainability in the Textile and Leather Sector (STILE)" is going to implement Green Button Qualification Programme (GBQP) in 150 export-oriented RMG and textile factories in Bangladesh with an objective to improve compliance with social and environmental standards to obtain a relevant international credible certification label (e.g. Global Organic Textile Standard - GOTS) in accordance with the Green Button requirements under the close cooperation of two industry associations - Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA), Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BKMEA) and other relevant stakeholders (retailers, brands, etc.).

The German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) launched the Grüner Knopf (hereafter: Green Button) initiative in September 2019. It certifies socially and environmentally manufactured textiles sold by responsible companies. The BMZ also launched the official Green Button website, which is available in German at <http://www.gruener-knopf.de/>.

The overall objective of this cooperation is to establish sustainable compliance at factory level by capacity development of the factory compliance officials providing necessary training and advisory services on social and environmental standards in relation to GOTS as well as Green Button requirements. Advisory services have to be provided on:

- Identifying compliance gaps of the participating factories in accordance with GOTS and Green Button requirements.
- Preparing corrective action plans based on identified compliance gaps and follow-up implementation of corrective action plans.
- Advisory and backstopping support to the factories by using on-site factory visits and virtual platform and providing them necessary on the job advisory support in enhancing capacity and making factories well-equipped to qualify for the GOTS certification audit by the approved third-party audit companies to obtain a relevant and credible certification label in accordance with GOTS.



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Ref: In order to participate in the project a factory should

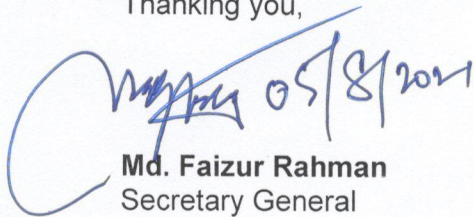
- be member of BGMEA
- have valid Trade License, Factory License
- have valid Fire License
- have valid Environmental Clearance Certificate (if applicable)
- have approved building plan and/or design from RAJUK or relevant local authority
- be a supplier directly to a buyer or buying house or at least to a factory who directly exports to the buyers
- not have any approved valid green button certification label (GOTS, OEKO-TEX – MADE IN GREEN, Blauer Engel, FAIRTRADE TEXTILE PRODUCTION, NATURTEXTIL IVN certified BEST) in accordance with social and ecological standards.
- have sincere interest and commitment towards improvement of compliance with social and environmental standards.

As, only 150 factories will get an opportunity to participate in the Green Button Qualification Programme (GBQP) in relation to GOTS certification, so it is requested to send an application by the interested factories along with information of annex-1 in the company's letter head pad to BGMEA office addressing Mr. Mohammad Monower Hossain, Joint Secretary, BGMEA, (Cell no: +8801674822026, by e-mail monower@bgmea.com.bd with a CC to Md. Aminul Hasan (aminul.hasan@giz.de).

Please feel free to contact with Mr. Md. Aminul Hasan (Helal) of GIZ through email or mobile phone (Email: aminul.hasan@giz.de; Mobile: 01775558965), if you have any query about the Green Button Qualification Programme.

The deadline for sending application for this program has been fixed up to 16th of August 2021.

Thanking you,

 05/8/2021
Md. Faizur Rahman
Secretary General

Annex 1:

The interested factories are requested to provide the following information along with the application to BGMEA for participating in Green Button Qualification Programme relating to Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS).

Sl.	Description
1	Name of factory
2	BGMEA registration number
3	Owner
4	Factory Address, Telephone and Fax No.
5	Head office and Telephone and Fax No.
6	Employee size
7	Floor Space
8	Financial Turnover per year
9	Name & Designation, E-mail address and cell phone number of the Contact Person
10	Information about obtained valid certificates on international social and environmental standards (if any)
11	Implementation Status of Accord and/or Alliance Audit (in percentage)
12	Information about implementation of Higg Facility Environmental Module (FEM), Higg Facility Social & Labor Module (FSLM) (if any)
13	Name of major buyers with country names
14	Type of factory (Knit, Woven, Composite, etc.)
15	Products Name