



## ROUND TABLE ON RESPONSIBLE SOY ASSOCIATION (RTRS)

### Minutes No. 134 of the Executive Board Meeting held on

**Tuesday, 24 January 2017, 14:00 CEST (10:00 Buenos Aires time), via telephone conference** (in accordance with article 20, section [2] of the RTRS By-Laws [Version 3.7])

#### Agenda:

1. Approval of the Minutes No. 133.
2. Approval of draft MoU to be sent to LIDL \*conditional to receiving LIDL comments to the MoU sent by RTRS.
3. Update on Paraquat Working Group.
4. Update on RT12.
5. Update on trip to Marañano / Piaui.
6. Any other business.
7. Closing of the Meeting.

#### A. Introduction

The meeting of the Executive Board of Directors of the Round Table on Responsible Soy Association (RTRS) starts at **14:00 CEST (10:00 Buenos Aires time)**.

#### Participants:

#### RTRS Executive Board members:

- Belinda Katharine Howell, RSG (constituency: Industry, Trade and Finance): belinda.howell@rpog.org
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**Special guests:**

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- Lieven Callewaert, RTRS External Consultant Europe:  
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Sandra Mulder, Alternate of Jean-Francois Timmers (Vice-President of the RTRS Executive Board), welcomes the participants to the Executive Board meeting. The agenda is presented and participants are asked whether any additional topics should be included. The meeting begins.

**B. Quorum and Proposals**

The Executive Secretary ascertains that the quorum required to validly pass resolutions has been reached. The Executive Board considers the following items on the agenda:

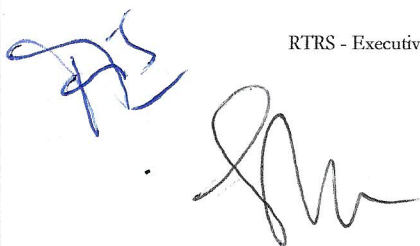
1. *Approval of the Minutes No. 133.*

Minutes No. 133 are reviewed page by page.

In the absence of any objections, Sandra Mulder confirms that the resolution is approved by the Executive Board.

The RTRS Executive Board resolves the following:

“The Executive Board meeting minutes No. 133 of the RTRS Executive Board are approved (by consensus).”



2. *Approval of draft MoU to be sent to LIDL \*conditional to receiving LIDL comments to the MoU sent by RTRS.*

Marcelo Visconti provides the Executive Board with background information about this topic. He confirms that LIDL has become an RTRS member and about the meeting that he together with Lieven Callewaert and Cid Sanches had with the LIDL colleagues in order to discuss about the project between LIDL and RTRS.

As a result of such meeting a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been prepared. Although RTRS Secretariat was expecting to receive comments from LIDL, Marcelo Visconti explains that LIDL has informally confirmed its acceptance to the proposed draft and is willing to proceed to its execution.

Marcelo Visconti expresses that one of the objectives when writing the MoU was to preserve the more than 190 (one hundred and ninety) members of RTRS and explains that any project or process which may start with LIDL will be available for all other members of RTRS and that no particular exceptions are going to be made for any singular member of the RTRS association.

Sandra Mulder asks when this project will be communicated.

Lieven Callewaert explains that LIDL will communicate the project only after the final contract is entered into between RTRS and LIDL. Marcelo Visconti adds that if the process is followed by all participants, the target is March 31, 2017.

Sandra Mulder asks if there are any comments or objections regarding the MoU.

In the absence of any objections, Sandra Mulder confirms that the resolution is approved by the Executive Board.

The RTRS Executive Board resolves the following:

"To approve the MoU between LIDL and RTRS (by consensus)."

Marcelo Visconti mentions that now that the MoU has been approved, the Executive Board has to nominate a person to sign it on behalf of RTRS.

Olaf Brugman proposes Alejandro O'Donnell to execute and deliver the MoU in his capacity as Treasurer. Nobody is against.

In the absence of any objections, Sandra Mulder confirms that the resolution is approved by the Executive Board.

The RTRS Executive Board resolves the following:

"To authorize and instruct Alejandro O'Donnell in his capacity of Treasurer of RTRS to execute and deliver the MoU on behalf of RTRS (by consensus)."



3. *Update on Paraquat Working Group (PWG).*

Daniel Kazimierski shows the presentation updating on the PWG status.

Daniel Kazimierski explains that the purpose of the presentation is to summarize the course of action agreed among the participants of the conference call held on the January 12, 2017.

During such conference call the participating Executive Board members agreed as a fundamental principle that the outcome of the PGW shall be the result of a consensus among their members whether (i) by the inexistence of sustained objection from any member or (ii) as a result of a voting process where the majority of the members of all constituencies and the majority of the members of the PGW agree on such outcome.

Having this in mind, the PGW may reach consensus by concluding that (i) there are suitable alternatives, in which case the PWG shall confirm that to the Executive Board recommending the maintenance of the indicator according to its current version; (ii) there are no suitable alternatives available at the moment, in which case the PWG shall provide a new version of the indicator (with an extension of the deadline or/and a completely new indicator) to be submitted to the Executive Board and afterwards to the General Assembly for approval; and (iii) the evidence is insufficient to make a conclusion on the existence or not of suitable alternatives, in which case the PWG shall provide the Executive Board with a revised draft of the indicator to be submitted to the General Assembly for approval providing for an extension of the deadline for the time necessary to collect such evidence and making a proposal on the method to obtain such evidence.

However, the participating members of the Executive Board also acknowledged the fact that there may be a possible scenario where the members of the PWG may fail to reach consensus, in which case the PWG shall be requested to provide the Executive Board with a report describing the opinions on the evidence submitted for analysis by (i) comments received during the public consultation (ii) inputs from the PWG members, in order for the Executive Board to make a decision after reviewing the arguments of each of them. The report shall provide with a justified response to the following queries: (i) whether the relevant member/group believes that there are "alternatives in the market (globally or locally), that can substitute it with less environmental and human risks and with similar costs."; (ii) what part of the evidence submitted for analysis in the opinion of the relevant member/group supports the response to the question in clause (i); and (iii) what are the reasons why such member/group disregard the remaining evidence.

Sandra Mulder asks if there are any objections.

In the absence of any objections, Sandra Mulder confirms that the resolution is approved by the Executive Board.

The RTRS Executive Board resolves the following:

"To approve the proposal on the course of action to be followed by the Paraquat Working Group (by consensus)."

4. *Update on RT12.*

Laura Villegas provides the Executive Board members with an update on the RT12.

Laura Villegas comments that during December and January, RTRS worked together with the communication agency on the identity of the event. She also mentions that the RTRS website has been changed and that the marketing of the RT12 material has been developed.

Laura Villegas informs that 60 invitations to participate as speakers in the conference have already been sent. The RTRS Secretariat received 20 confirmations, and 10 emails showing interest in the event.

Laura Villegas explains that Marcelo Visconti will deliver the sponsorship emails.

In addition, Laura Villegas confirms that the venue has been blocked. Laura Villegas also clarifies that the intention is to block half the accommodation in Lille for the participants.

Laura Villegas explains that the rationale of the RT12 identity proposal was to show not only "green" meanings; but dialogue; collaboration; solutions. Olaf Brugman remarks that deforestation has a green connotation. Deforestation as a key message/topic for RT12.

Olaf Brugman mentions the Transformation Navigation Hub and states the RT12 as a good option to launch the status of this dialogue platform.

Sandra Mulder says that the title should state "zero deforestation" instead of "deforestation."

Belinda Howell and Sandra Mulder mention that they have worked and decided about the RT12 working agenda, but that they have not approved RT12's title yet.

Marcelo Visconti confirms that he will work together with Laura Villegas to send title proposals for the Executive Board to decide.

Belinda Howell and Olaf Brugman ask not to use "Soylutions" expression.

Lieven Callewaert comments that he will have a meeting to discuss about the Transformation Navigation Hub on the 31st of January, and that he trusts it will be ready to be presented during RT12.

5. *Update on trip to Marañano / Piaui.*

Cid Sanches comments on his fieldtrip to Marañano and Piaui together with Groan and Rabobank. He also mentions that during the fieldtrip they visited a farm from FAPCEN.

Cid Sanches explains that the main objective of the visit was to improve the relationship between the companies and governmental authorities. He also adds that all the participants were impressed with the amount and the quality of the soybean crops.

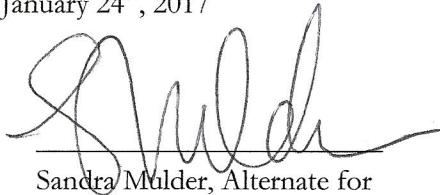
6. *Any other business*

There is no other business.

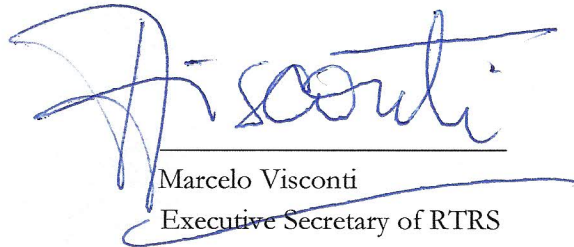
7. *Closing of the Meeting.*

The meeting is closed at 16:02 CEST (12:02 pm Buenos Aires time).

January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017



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Jean-François Timmers, Vice-President  
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Marcelo Visconti  
Executive Secretary of RTRS