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## Renewable Energy

*On behalf of GGSC Eurocham, Mr Brian Hull - Vicechairman of GGSC, had attended VEPG TWG 1 meeting on Renewable Energy on 23 September 2019.*

## Meeting of VEPG TWG 1 on Renewable Energy

The meeting brought together senior representatives from the Government of Vietnam, Embassy staff (US, European), Banks (World Bank, ADB), Development Partners, as well as from the private sector, research and social organizations.

The meeting had interactive discussions for senior experts to discuss and debate hot topics in Vietnam's energy industry today. Typical examples such as in Energy Sector Planning, Energy Efficiency, and Opportunities for Distributed Renewable Energy are presented and are followed by lively discussions and debates.



At MOIT, Mr. Brian Hull also asked the question regarding the T&D investment needed to enable further renewables to be brought on line.

Vice Minister Hoang Quoc Vuong answered that they recognised that EVN monopoly on T&D was causing significant issues in renewable energy investment, and MOIT would present legal framework next year (2020) to allow private investors to be involved in T&D network.

*On the morning of November 27, the Vietnam Energy Association, VTV24 News Center, in collaboration with the management agencies of the Ministry of Industry and Trade and the Ministry of Planning and Investment, leaders of the provinces organized an international seminar with the theme: Renewable energy in Vietnam - From policy to practice.*



## **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: RENEWABLE ENERGY IN VIETNAM - FROM POLICY TO PRACTICE**

**The conference was attended by representatives of the Ministry of Industry and Trade, Ministry of Planning and Investment, Electricity of Vietnam (EVN), and the attention of leaders of Ninh Thuan, Dak Lak, Binh Thuan and Tay Ninh provinces, representatives of international and domestic credit institutions such as World Bank, ADB, VietinBank, HDBank ... representatives of private enterprises such as Trung Nam Group, Tan Hoan Cau Group, ... and many international experts and domestic.**



**Mr. Tomaso Andreatta - Vice-Chairman of Eurocham and Chairman of GGSC and Mr. Brian Hull - Vice-Chairman of GGSC had attended the conference as a message call for the support of European business community in helping Vietnam develops sustainable solar power sector.**



The conference had 3 main sessions:

- ❖ **SESSION 1: The bottlenecks of Vietnam solar power project development**
- ❖ **SESSION 2: Solving bottlenecks in solar power**
- ❖ **SESSION 3: Bidding of renewable energy project: International experiences and lessons for Vietnam**



**Mr. Tomaso Andreatta also had some recommendations of the European business community to improve business conditions and facilitate foreign investment to renewable energy projects, solar power in particular to Vietnam.**

*Breakfast Talk Event "Toward zero carbon building" which held in Ha Noi on November 13 was in the series of events on the theme of Smart Cities, co-organized by GGSC-EuroCham and VGBC.*

## Breakfast Talk Event "Toward zero carbon building" in Ha Noi

The event received over 30 participants, including representatives of Vietnam Green Building Council, Eurocham, partners, investors, developers and project owners. The event also attracted many businesses in building industry to attend and discuss about the role of green buildings, smart infrastructure, effective waste treatment systems, and clean energy toward sustainable development.



As the theme of this event focused on the Global trend “Advancing Net Zero carbon”, the panel discussion was followed by 4 key principles in Zero carbon trend:

- **Measure and disclose carbon**
- **Reduce energy demand**
- **Generate balance from renewables**
- **Improve verification and rigor**



**In her opening remarks, Ms. Phan Thu Hang – Chairwoman of Vietnam Green Building Council, stated the purpose of the event that aimed to have open sharing and discussion about practical ideas which could drive actions to drastically reduce carbon emissions and create a more sustainable built environment for all.**



**Our keynote speaker, Mr. Douglas Lee Snyder – Deputy Director of Sustainable Design at ARDOR, underlined the importance of greener and healthier buildings in a sustainable city. Also, he gave out some practical case studies regarding green buildings.**



**Contributing to the success of the event also came from speakers from leading companies in construction - energy such as ARDOR GREEN, CBRE, SPUC, INSEE, St Gobain, etc... They had impressive sharing in terms of zero carbon building and energy efficiency.**



**Concluding the panel discussion, Mr. Ywert Visser – Vice-Chairman of Eurocham, affirmed in his closing remarks that Eurocham would like to engage and cooperate closely with VGBC and partners in building and actioning plans to ensure green and sustainable development, such as fighting against climate change, raising public awareness of environmental protection, increasing the municipal management capacity, and so on.**

## “Circular Economy of Plastics” seminar

*On 3 December 2019, several Eurocham members such as Unilever, Heineken and BASF sponsored and participated in the “Circular Economy of Plastics” seminar led by ReThink Plastics Vietnam at ISC HCMC secondary campus in Thao Dien, District 2.*



The objective of the seminar was to raise awareness on the need to reduce the consumption of single use plastics by finding adequate solutions to improve its recycling and reusing following the circular economy approach. Relevant stakeholders who are committed to contribute to this objective shared their experiences, lessons learnt and challenges to find concrete solutions and join efforts and resources to address the plastic waste challenge of Vietnam. Presentations and discussions were led by representatives from the HCMC Environment Office, “The Ocean Clean Up” and Philips’ Head of Sustainability.

### Upcoming activities 2020+

In 2020, key members and partners will focus on the following framework activities:

- **Education:** Increase public awareness on the negative impacts of single-use plastic and use of biodegradable packaging / alternatives together with government, schools, private industries via member companies.
- **Clean-Up:** Plan for coordinated beach / river clean-up with EuroCham / PRO member companies to reduce waste at source and prevent ocean / river bound plastics.
- **Innovation:** Share best practices, lessons learned and commercial success stories among member companies e.g. Adidas Futurecraft, BASF ChemCycling and ecovio biodegradable products.

- **Infrastructure:** Engage with the Vietnam government to develop an integrated waste management system including incentives for reduction of single-use plastics, collection, sorting and potential composting and/or waste to energy projects.

## Company Members

1. *BASF*

2. *INSEE*

3. *UNILEVER*

### 1. BASF

#### 650 children learn about recycling at BASF Kids' Lab

In celebration of its 25th anniversary in Vietnam, BASF brought fun experiments to approximately 650 children with its interactive science program, BASF Kids' Lab. BASF Kids' Lab is a global program that aims to develop children's interests in natural sciences from their early age



About 650 of primary students conducted two new experiments to learn how recycling can contribute to effective waste management and the responsible use of natural resources.



The interactive education program was co-organized from November 8-9, 2019 with the Ho Chi Minh City Department of Education and Training for the 9th consecutive year.

“This year, BASF is celebrating its 25th anniversary in Vietnam with a range of initiatives that have a positive impact on the future of Vietnam’s next generation, and Kids’ Lab is at the core of these activities. The new experiments will help children understand the essential role that recycling plays in minimizing waste and using our limited natural resources in a responsible manner,” said Erick Contreras, Managing Director, BASF Vietnam.



## 2. INSEE

**INSEE Vietnam organized the second Large Infrastructure Project Conference 2019 - “Rethinking Construction”**

On 22nd Nov 2019, The second Large Infrastructure Project Conference 2019 was organized by INSEE

Vietnam in Ho Chi Minh city with the main theme this year “Rethinking Construction”. With the presence of more than 300 local and international business leaders, government officials, project developers, construction companies, consultants and architects as well as construction associations, this is THE international conference focusing on large infrastructure developments and trends in Vietnam.



“The industry along the entire value chain has a vast potential for improving productivity and efficiency thanks to digitalization and new construction techniques. That’s why we are all gathering here today, from many construction industry experts, business leaders to government officials, to explore practical ways and exchange on how we shape our future.” - said Philippe Richart, Member of the Siam City Cement Company (SCCC) Ltd, Group Executive Committee, Thailand & General Director of INSEE Vietnam.



Through presented topics and insightful discussions, INSEE Vietnam aims to create a platform where Government authorities, construction industries, developers, designers, contractors, suppliers can share new ideas and exchange on how to build a better place – on how to BUILD FOR LIFE.

### 3. UNILEVER

#### Unilever Vietnam makes it into Top 10 Sustainable Businesses 2019

Unilever Vietnam has just been honoured in the Top 100 Sustainable Businesses 2019 and the top 10 in the Manufacturing Category by the Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI) and the Vietnam Business Council for Sustainable Development (VBCSD).



Unilever Vietnam has received this award for four consecutive years, in recognition of its contributions and efforts to implement its sustainable development plan, which aims to maintain business growth while reducing its environmental footprint and enhancing positive social impact.

Mr. Do Thai Vuong, Vice President of Sustainable Business and Communications, Unilever Vietnam, said, "We are honoured and proud of being one of the Top 10 Sustainable Businesses in the Manufacturing Category for four consecutive years. This recognises the efforts and commitment of Unilever over the last 24 years in Vietnam for sustainable development and environmental protection. Our company considers sustainable development not only a goal but also a core value in all of our activities and programmes. The Sustainable Living Plan is key for the sustainable development of Unilever and its products, as well as for the socio-economic development of the country."

## GGSC BUDGET OVERVIEW

RECEIPTS	Total
Membership fee	VND 95,907,000
Events income	VND 120,000,000
Monthly interest	VND 1,149
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>VND 215,908,149</b>
DISBURSEMENTS	Total
<b>Total disbursements</b>	<b>VND 192,612,910</b>
<b>2019 balance: Receipts over disbursements</b>	<b>VND 23,295,239</b>
<b>Opening balance</b>	<b>VND 89,939,229</b>
<b>Budget as of 4 December 2019</b>	<b>VND 113,234,468</b>
REMAINING PAYABLE TILL END 2019	Budget
<b>Total payable</b>	<b>VND 11,059,500</b>
<b>Actual available to spend</b>	<b>VND 102,174,968</b>

Regarding the financial overview, this year our committee is very much aligned with the budget forecast approved at the GGSC AGM:

- Result + 113 millions VND (abstract the total payable for 2019) = 102 millions VND forecasted end of 2019 Budget (AGM approved +71 millions VND budgeted)

Overall, in 2019, GGSC made a slight surplus of 10 millions (budgeted was -18 millions).

There is approximately 57 millions VND costs saved compared to budgeted due to less intern and no office costs & less travel costs used. Nonetheless, the events generated no revenue in 2019 (while 25 millions VND were budgeted).

## WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER

### NAMI ENERGY

We are delighted to welcome **NAMI ENERGY COMPANY** as the 27th member of the Green Growth Sector Committee. We salute **NAMI ENERGY**'s commitment to contributing to the development of the renewable energy industry which is a great fit because **NAMI ENERGY** shares the GGSC's core vision that our sector committee has been advocated for the privatisation of solar power transmission in years.