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Dear Alicia,

## **Update on UK government process to finalise UK Sustainability Reporting Standards**

I am writing to provide an update on the development of UK Sustainability Reporting Standards (UK SRS), given the Financial Conduct Authority's (FCA's) plans to consult on adopting UK SRS for listed companies in January 2026, as outlined in the Regulatory Initiatives Grid.

In the consultation on the exposure drafts of UK SRS S1 and UK SRS S2, which we published on 25 June 2025, we acknowledged that the FCA is responsible for making and enforcing the UK Listing Rules (UKLR). We also flagged that you may consult on amendments to the UKLR before the final UK SRS are published, as we appreciate that you will need time to consult and provide clarity and direction for listed companies about how the UK SRS will apply to them.

We have been working together to ensure that our approaches are aligned, especially because the final standards will not be published by the time your consultation goes live.

Overall, we received more than 200 responses to our consultation. The majority of the respondents agreed with the content of the draft UK SRS but one area we wanted to write to you about in advance of your consultation going live is the approach to implementation. Stakeholder feedback, which we have shared with your team at the FCA, strongly advocated for giving entities sufficient time to align with the most challenging parts of the Standards. In addition, during stakeholder engagement and as discussed in the UK Sustainability Disclosure Policy and Implementation Committee (PIC), stakeholders have asked for clarity about how the reliefs embedded in the UK SRS will interact with FCA rules. This included discussion on when the transitional reliefs would apply, for example if they would apply from the date of original application for a listed company.

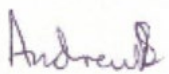
To provide the market with clarity on this point, we are writing to you now to explain that we will be removing specific time-references about when the reliefs would apply in the standards. Instead, we will specify that timing about their application and their availability will be set out in government regulations (Companies Act) or FCA rules (where relevant) or by any other relevant authority. We

will also be clarifying how the statement of compliance is applied to reporters that make use of the reliefs.

We note that you will be consulting on the basis of the draft UK SRS but your final approach will refer to the final UK SRS. In terms of timing, we note that the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) has finalised its amendments to IFRS S2. We will review these amendments with a view to incorporate them into the final version of UK SRS S2, which we anticipate publishing early this year. This timeframe will also allow the government and the TAC to consider feedback to the consultation relating to certain technical aspects of the Standards, including provisions on restatements and the application of financed emissions provisions.

In the meantime, I look forward to continuing to work with you in the PIC as the process for endorsing UK SRS S1 and UK SRS S2 draws to a close.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew".

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