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Benefits of the AGIC Sustainability Rating Scheme – Infrastructure Investors & Owners

The AGIC Sustainability Rating Scheme (the Scheme) will contribute to the establishment of:

- » A common set of metrics to allow industry benchmarking and performance tracking;
- » An understanding based on the economic, social, governance and environmental aspects of sustainability; and
- » A common nationally recognised industry language to progress a robust industry discussion on the value proposition presented by the concept of sustainability.

Some of the benefits and opportunities of the Scheme to infrastructure owners and investors include:

- » The category tool provides the means by which investors can screen and assess investments in existing assets, from a robust sustainability viewpoint. Seven categories with a total of 28 subcategories facilitate both a comprehensive and rigorous investment review.
- » The Scheme will assist in identifying strategic sustainability risks (e.g. climate change vulnerabilities), emerging regulatory and good governance compliance requirements, and enhanced investment and operational outcomes for infrastructure projects.
- » The Scheme facilitates a value comparison between a project's various development options/alternatives and the tender review appraisal process in the context of sustainability.

- » Sub-category data is complementary to, and likely to support, aspects of internal and external corporate reporting needs, including relevant Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) indicators. AGIC will provide guidance in relation to material content.

- » AGIC will facilitate sustainability training and awareness for organisational staff at all levels in infrastructure delivery to ensure appropriate use of the Scheme.

- » The Scheme will assist in building corporate knowledge of sustainability by providing roadmaps of practical and innovative sustainability solutions through member access to a library of examples and case studies.

- » The Scheme will assist in achieving finance for projects and build confidence in investing by improving the quality of project risk profiles and aligning investment decisions with current sustainable investment guidelines.

- » The nationally-based scheme will provide constant market pressure for performance improvement in the area of infrastructure sustainability and this is a stimulus to innovative ideas and new ways of meeting the challenges that arise.

- » The Scheme will provide a strong foundation for the development of in-house sustainability assessment criteria and skills, as well as serve as a complementary tool to existing in-house capabilities.