



BCI COUNCIL AGREEMENTS 2012

Orientation

The BCI Council By-Laws state that a summary of the decisions of the Council shall be made public. This document recapitulates all the agreements made by the BCI Council in 2012.

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By email, 23 January 2012

The following organisations were approved for membership:

- Al-Karam Textile Mills (Pvt) Ltd. (Suppliers and Manufacturers - Other Intermediaries), Pakistan
- Amna Industries (Pvt) Ltd. (Suppliers and Manufacturers - Other Intermediaries), Pakistan
- Din Textile Mills Ltd. (Suppliers and Manufacturers - Other Intermediaries), Pakistan
- Grosprinz Fabz Ltd. (Suppliers and Manufacturers - Other Intermediaries), India
- GTN Industries. (Suppliers and Manufacturers - Other Intermediaries), India
- Hiya Overseas PVT Ltd. (Suppliers and Manufacturers - Ginners), India
- MAYDIN ÇORAPLARI TİC. VE SAN. A.Ş. (Suppliers and Manufacturers - Other Intermediaries), Turkey
- Mayfair Ltd. (Suppliers and Manufacturers - Other Intermediaries), Pakistan
- Nishat Chunian Ltd (Suppliers and Manufacturers - Other Intermediaries), Pakistan
- Natimeo (Brands and Retailers), France
- P.D. Sekhsaria Trading Co. Pvt. Ltd. (Suppliers and Manufacturers - Traders), India
- Precot Meridian Ltd. (Suppliers and Manufacturers - Other Intermediaries), India
- Rana Denim Pvt. Ltd. (Suppliers and Manufacturers - Other Intermediaries), India
- Rana Oil Industries (Suppliers and Manufacturers - Ginners), India
- Sapphire Textile Mills Ltd. (Suppliers and Manufacturers - Other Intermediaries), Pakistan
- Spentex Industries Ltd. (Suppliers and Manufacturers - Other Intermediaries), India
- Sunny Trexim (Suppliers and Manufacturers - Traders), India
- Thiagarajar Mills Ltd. (Suppliers and Manufacturers - Other Intermediaries), India
- Walmart Home (Brands and Retailers), USA

Meeting, 2 & 3 February 2012

The following organisations were approved for membership:

- Birpas Birlik Pamuk A.S. (Suppliers and Manufacturers - Ginners), Turkey
- Devcot S.A (Suppliers and Manufacturers - Traders), France
- Fashion Knit Industries (Suppliers and Manufacturers - Other intermediaries), Pakistan
- Gill & Co (Suppliers and Manufacturers - Traders), India
- HRM Textiles (Suppliers and Manufacturers - Other intermediaries), India
- Jalaram Cotton & Proteins (Suppliers and Manufacturers - Ginners), India
- Louis Dreyfus Commodities Suisse SA. (Suppliers and Manufacturers - Traders), Switzerland
- Muktsar Cotton Ltd (Suppliers and Manufacturers - Ginners), India
- Topkapi Iplik San. Ve Tic A.S. (Suppliers and Manufacturers - Other intermediaries), Turkey
- Viyellatex Spinning (Suppliers and Manufacturers - Other intermediaries), Bangladesh
- Tchibo GmbH (Retailers and Brands), Germany
- Paul Reinhart AG (Suppliers and Manufacturers - Traders), Switzerland
- Hero Fasions (Suppliers and Manufacturers - Other Intermediaries), India

Call, 14 March 2012

The Council approved conditionally Mozambique as a new country for implementation of the Better Cotton System. Final confirmation is subject to the proponent securing funding for BCI operations covering the period 2012-2015 before start of operations and signing an Implementation Partnership Agreement with the BCI.

The Council approved 2015 and 2020 targets for the global indicators were approved.

By email, 19 March 2012

The following organisations were approved for membership:

- Ahmed Oriental Textile Mills, Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, Pakistan
- Al-Muqheet Textiles (Private) Limited, Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, Pakistan
- Artistic Denim Mills Ltd, Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, Pakistan
- Birla Cotsyn Ltd, Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, India
- Bombay Rayon Fashions, Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, India
- Brandix, Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, Sri Lanka
- Comptex Bangladesh Ltd, Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, Bangladesh
- Feung Ning Industries Ltd, Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, China
- Garg Acrylics Ltd, Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, India
- Ikrama Cotton Factory, Suppliers and Manufacturers - ginnerers, Pakistan
- Iskur Tekstil Enerji Ticaret Ve Sanayi A. S., Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, Turkey
- Kalpvraksh Impex Pvt Ltd, Suppliers and Manufacturers - Cotton Traders, India
- Loknayak Jayprakash Narayan Shetkari Sahakari Soot Gimi Ltd, Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, India
- Nahar Industrial Enterprises, Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, India
- Naveena Industries Ltd, Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, Pakistan
- Navjyot International Trading Pvt. Ltd., Suppliers and Manufacturers - Cotton Traders, India
- S A Aanandan Spinning Mills Pvt Ltd, Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, India
- Sambandam Spinning Mills, Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, India
- Menderes Textile, Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, Turkey

By Email, 3 May 2012

The following organisations were approved for membership:

- Addchance Limited, Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, China
- Awami Cotton Industries, Suppliers and Manufacturers - ginnerers, Pakistan
- Carona Industries Private Ltd, Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, India
- ICT Cotton Trading Limited, Suppliers and Manufacturers - Cotton Traders, England, UK
- Leshia Impex Private Ltd, Suppliers and Manufacturers - Cotton Traders, India
- Matrix Sourcing, Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, Pakistan
- Meezan Enterprises (PVT) Ltd, Suppliers and Manufacturers - Cotton Traders, Pakistan
- Nagreeka Exports Ltd, Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, India
- Reliance Weaving Mills Ltd, Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, Pakistan
- SEL Manufacturing Co. Ltd., Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, India
- Sportking India Ltd, Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, India
- Sri Ram Spinning Mills Ltd., Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, India

By Email, 11 May 2012

The following organisations were approved for membership:

- Arik Bey Tekstil, Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, Turkey
 - Beirholms Væverier A/S. , Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, Denmark
 - Best Corporation (P) Ltd , Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, India
 - CAB International Regional Office Pakistan, Civil Society, Pakistan
 - Dalian Shenzhou Textiles Co. Ltd., Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, China
 - Deniz Tekstil Sanayi Ve Ticaret A.S., Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, Turkey
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- Feroze Textile Industries, Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, Pakistan
 - Flying Deer Textiles (Kunshan) Co., Ltd, Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, China
 - Gapsan Tekstil San. Tic. A.S., Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, Turkey
 - GID Textil, Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, Brazil
 - Gulshan Cotton Ginning & pressing Factory, Suppliers and Manufacturers - ginners, Pakistan
 - Hursan Havlu, Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, Turkey
 - Jaydurga Ginning Mills Pvt Limited., Suppliers and Manufacturers - ginners, India
 - SAF Mensucat A.S, Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, Turkey
 - Shanghai Flying Dragon Textiles Co. Ltd, Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, China
 - Siddiqsons Limited, Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, Pakistan
 - Suryajvoti Spinning Mills Limited, Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, India
 - The Creative Textures, Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, India

Meeting, 14-16 May 2012

All approved the full Strategic Framework and Plan, with amendments as identified in specific sections.

The Council approved the following amended overall aim: *“To transform cotton production worldwide by developing Better Cotton as a sustainable mainstream commodity”*.

All approved the proposal on Supply Chain Commercialisation, including the following specific items:

- Continuing segregation at gin
- Providing options of Mass-balance administrative and Mass-balance physical. For the latter third party auditing is at the cost of the retailer / brand.
- Developing chain of custody requirements corresponding to each option
- Developing specific claims based on framework presented.

All approved the high-level proposed financial model, including the following the specific items:

- Introduction for a volume based charge, for retailer and brands only, on procurement for Better Cotton
- Approach to meet 2013 investment needs, including investment in an ICT platform, development of a training programme, transition costs and costs for monitoring and running the BTS in year one, before revenues can be generated.

All approved the request to work on the basis of the 2013 budget (€4,315,100) to start implementation and recruitment planning.

All approved the proposed new membership model, including the fee structure as follows:

Category	Small	Medium	Large
Civil Society			
International	500 – 1,000	1,000 – 5,000	5,000 – 10,000
National	100 – 300		200 - 500
Suppliers & Manufacturers – Ginners, Spinners > Manufacturers			
Basic Membership	1,000	3,000	7,000
Registered Membership	2,500	6,000	11,000
Suppliers & Manufacturers - Traders/Merchants			
Basic Membership	1,000	1,000 – 15,000	20,000
Registered Membership	3,500	4,000 – 18,000	20,000
Suppliers & Manufacturers - Financial Institutions			
Local and National Institutions	500 - 2,000		
Institutions with International operations	20,000		
Retailers and Brands			
Learning membership	6,000	6,000	6,000
Standard membership	7,000	8,000 – 50,000	50,000
Field investment (1:1)	7,000	8,000 – 50,000	50,000
Pioneer	75,000		
Field investment (2:1)	150,000		
Producer Organisations			
National or Regional	500 – 2,000		
Sub-national	100 – 1,000		
Associate Members			
Members	1,000 – 20,000		

All approved dissolution of existing Working (learning) Groups in order to set up specific taskforces.

All approved the proposal for changes to the Statutes for the General Assembly with the following amendments:

- Delete change 'Executive Director' to 'Leader'
- Change definition of Civil Society Organisation to read 'A Civil Organisation needs to be not-for-profit and serving the public interest or common good.'

All approved the full list of Consent Items:

- Verification fee for large farm employers
- HR policies, with amendments to be factored into the Anti-Bribery Policy
- Lena Staafgard as additional signatory for BCI
- 2011 audit report

- Q1 financial report
- BCI liabilities & reserve additional aside
- 2012 revised budget
- Fee waiver for Solidaridad and WWF

By email, 21 June 2012

The following organisations were approved for membership:

- Basyazioglu Tekstil Sanayi Ve Tic AS (Also known as Bamen), Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, Turkey
- Berto Industria Tessile SRL, Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, Italy
- Ghazi Fabrics International Ltd., Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, Pakistan
- Gulshan Spinning Mills Ltd., Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, Pakistan
- INSAF Cotton Ginniers & Oil Mills, Suppliers and Manufacturers - ginnerers, Pakistan
- Khan Ginneries, Suppliers and Manufacturers - ginnerers, Pakistan
- Omax Cotspin Pvt. Ltd., Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, India
- Pt. Kahatex, Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, Indonesia
- Ramatex Private Limited, Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, Singapore
- Shangtex Yufeng Science & Technology Co. Ltd, Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, China
- Shree Ambica Agro Industries (p) Ltd, Suppliers and Manufacturers - ginnerers, India
- Sociedade Algodoeira do Niassa, JFS, Sarl, Suppliers and Manufacturers - ginnerers, Mozambique
- Suryajvoti Spinning Mills Limited, Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, India
- Suryalakshmi Cotton Mills Ltd. , Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, India
- VF Corporation, Retailers and brands, United States of America
- Well Dyeing Factory Ltd, Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, China

Meeting, 26 and 29 June 2012

All supported the time line for transition to strategic 2013-15.

The following Council members were elected as Office bearers:

- Chair: Guido Verijke (IKEA)
- Vice Chair: Hammad Naqi Khan (WWF International)
- Treasurer: Leon Picon (Orta Anadolu)
- Secretary: Bilal Israel Khan (Farmers Associate Pakistan)

All approved the recommendation to set up a Management committee to support the Executive Director.

All approved the By-law changes to reflect revised statutes along with minor further revisions:

- Change 1: Remove a repeat between By-Laws and Statutes (article 17)
- Change 2: Change long term objectives (article 1.2)
- Change 3: Clarify when the mandate of appointed Council members ends (article 4.1)
- Change 4: Give responsibility to Secretariat to decide on reimbursement of expenses (article 5.3)
- Change 5: Provide more options to resolve cases of deadlock in Office-bearers elections (article 12)
- Change 6: Streamline the process for approval of Council meeting minutes (article 13)
- Change 7: Change the length of mandate of Grievance Management Committee members from 1 to 4 years

Call, 5 September 2012

All approved the proposal to invite two independent individuals to join the BCI Council:

- Joost Oorthuizen, for a three year term, starting 11 September 2012
- Barry Clarke, for a two year term, starting on the 1 October 2012

All approved the revised Q3 Budget as submitted

Q3 Revised Approved Budget	Q2 Revised Approved Budget	2012 Original Budget
€3,574k (+4% on Original budget)	€3,542k (+3% on Original Budget)	€3,429k

All approved the following BCI R&R team membership:

Volume-Based Fee (VBF)	
Name	Organisation
Pramit Chanda	IKEA
Brianna Wolf	Levi
Susanne Bösing	Tchibo GmbH
Eva Kindgren	KappAhl
Philip Meister	adidas
Sean Cady	VF Corporation
Mark Sumner	M&S
Jeff Williams	Walmart (tbc)
Sandra Castaneda	Inditex
Lucian Peppelenbos	IDH
Keith Tyrell	PAN-UK

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)	
Name	Organisation
Pins Brown	Advisory Committee Member
Alvaro Dili	ABRAPA
Hammad Naqi Khan	WWF
Anna Karlsson	Cotton Connect
Bilal Khan	Farmers Associates of Pakistan
Simon Ferrigno	Advisory Committee Member
Nagraj Karur	Solidaridad India
Francesca Mancini	Advisory Committee member
Ashis Mondal	Action for Social Advancement
Janet Reed	Cotton Inc

Chain of Custody	
Name	Organisation
Mudassar Hussain	Gulshan Ginning and Pressing Factory
Gilles Bruner	ECOM Cotton Group
Guy Hogge	Louis Dreyfus
Atif Dada	Dadasons
Syed Rizwan	IKEA
Ebru Gencoglu	adidas
Brianna Wolf	Levi Strauss & Co.
Hulya Sevindik	H&M
Hussain Ahmed Fazal	Hussain Mills Limited
Jitender Kumar	Alok Knits
Eric Deng	Huafu
Leon Picon	Orta Anadolu

Claims	
Name	Organisation
David Rosenberg	Ecom Agroindustrial Corp.
Tobias Fishcer	H&M
Erik de Wit	Solidaridad
Audrey Blancart	M&S
Ulrika Hvistendahl	IKEA
Sara Young	Levi Strauss & Co
Eraina Duffy	Nike
Maryam Azmayesh Terp	Jackpot
Punit Lalbhai	Arvind
Marco Baenninger	Reinhardt

Meeting, 20-22 November 2012

The Council approved the proposal to position BCI as the global stewards of Better Cotton.

The Council approved the Member Code of Practice for 2013-2015.

The Council approved that Research & Recommend teams will be consultative groups in the future.

The Council agreed that all BCI brands and retailers should be requested to invest in the traceability system.

The Council approved the following revised strategy on traceability:

- Allow only Mass Balance Administrative until 2015
- Scope: Country level for traders, others at site level, e.g. factory.
- Develop a claims framework that rewards increasing use of Better Cotton
- A target of 2016 to introduce a Mass Balance Physical traceability system.

The Council approved the ICT Strategy with the understanding that for 2013-2015, BCI would develop an IT solution for traceability up to spinner, whilst retailers and brands form an alliance to work and fund a long term customised system by 2016.

The Council approved the BCI 2013 annual business plan and global budget of Euro 4.9 million.

The Council approved the Council reporting framework, BCI Language policy and 2013 meeting schedule.
