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Media Advisory

Third fire incident at the Raiyan Knit Composite Ltd.

Dhaka, June 3, 2022: Within a period of 15 days, a third fire incident has taken place at the *Raiyan Knit Composite Ltd.* in Gazipur, Bangladesh. The fire broke out at the first floor of the factory yesterday (Thursday). At least 8 workers reportedly received mild injury while firefighting.

In last month, two consecutive fire incidents took place at the *Raiyan Knit Composite Ltd.* (18 and 23 May) that caused mild injuries to 11 factory workers.

The RMG Sustainability Council (RSC) is deeply concerned by the <u>repeated fire incidents</u> at the same factory within a span of 15 days. The Raiyan Knit Composite Ltd. is an RSC-covered factory (ID 9320).

According to the <u>local media reports</u> and information received from the factory management on June 2, 2022 (Thursday), a fire broke out at 1343 hrs on the first floor at the Sub Store (Building – 2). On information, the fire fighters from 7 fire stations rushed to the factory and doused the flame.

Mr Iqbal M Hussain, **Managing Director (MD)** of the RSC said, "It is a cause of deep concern for us. We are already investigating the previous two fire incidents at the factory. Now another fire incident causing worry for the overall safety management of the factory."

The RSC had deployed two investigation teams to investigate the cause(s) of the repeated fire incidents immediately after the incidents in May. The post inspection reports of the 18 and 23 May fire are being finalised and will be made public by June 7, 2022.

"We have deployed another investigation team to investigate the cause of the fire that broke out yesterday. The investigation team will visit the factory on June 4, 2022 (Saturday) for the post fire investigation", said the **RSC MD**.

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Notes to editors:

The RSC Engineering Team conducted an Initial Inspection at the factory on July 15, 2014.

Please read the Initial Inspection report <u>here</u>.

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