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#### Foreword

This SIRIM Standard was developed by the Project Committee on Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) established by SIRIM Berhad.

This standard was developed with the following objectives:

- a) to specify requirements for environmental, social and governance (ESG) management system of an oganisation; and
- b) to provide guidance on the implementation and improvement of ESG practices within an organisation.

This standard will be reviewed periodically, and if necessary, revised, to ensure that it reflects current needs and conditions. Users and other interested parties may submit comments on the contents of this standard for consideration in future versions.

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