

Note: The extent of evidence-gathering for a limited assurance engagement is less than for a reasonable assurance engagement. Limited assurance engagements focus on aggregated data rather than physically checking source data at sites. Consequently, the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is substantially lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had a reasonable assurance engagement been performed.

LR's approach

LR's assurance engagements are carried out in accordance with ISAE3000 and ISO14064-3 for GHG emissions. The following tasks though were undertaken as part of the evidence gathering process for this assurance engagement:

- Auditing the Company's data management systems to confirm that there were no significant errors, omissions or mis-statements in the report. We did this by reviewing the effectiveness of data handling procedures, instructions and systems, including those for internal verification.
- Interviewing with those key people responsible for compiling the data and drafting the report.
- Sampling datasets and tracing activity data back to aggregated levels;
- Verifying the historical environmental and social data / records for the fiscal year 2020¹; and
- By implementing the Company's "No Visitor" Policy due to the global infection spread of COVID-19, conducting the remote verification to Gifu Factory and Shiga Factory for confirming the effectiveness of its data management systems via emails, telephone, and Microsoft Teams.

Observations

The Company should continue efforts for implementing quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC) systems for the effective management of environmental and social data. This is particular to ensure effective internal verification processes at both the corporate and member company levels.

LR's standards, competence and independence

LR implements and maintains a comprehensive management system that meets accreditation requirements for ISO 14065 *Greenhouse gases – Requirements for greenhouse gas validation and verification bodies for use in accreditation or other forms of recognition* and ISO/IEC 17021-1 *Conformity assessment – Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems – Part1: Requirements* that are at least as demanding as the requirements of the International Standard on Quality Control 1 and comply with the *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants.

LR ensures the selection of appropriately qualified individuals based on their qualifications, training and experience. The outcome of all verification and certification assessments is then internally reviewed by senior management to ensure that the approach applied is rigorous and transparent.

The verification and certification assessments are the only work undertaken by LR for the Company and as such do not compromise our independence or impartiality.

Signed



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