

## **Verification Statement**

#### Introduction

**DNV Business Assurance USA, Inc. (DNV)** has been commissioned by the management of the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) Foundation (Andrea Pryde, Columbus Building, 7 Westferry Circus, Canary Wharf, London E14 4HD) to carry out an independent verification of its Greenhouse House Gas (GHG) Emissions Inventory (Scope 1, Scope 2 and relevant Scope 3 emissions). These assertions are relevant to the Reporting Period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024.

The IFRS Foundation has sole responsibility for preparation of the data and external report. DNV, in performing assurance work, is responsible to the management of the IFRS Foundation. The verification statement, however, represents DNV's independent opinion and is intended to inform all stakeholders.

### **Objective**

The objective of this verification is to verify:

- Conformance with applicable verification criteria, including the principles and requirements of relevant standards or GHG programmes, within the scope of the verification;
- The organisation's Inventory of GHG emissions;
- the organisation's GHG-related controls as this is the first reported GHG Inventory.

## **Scope of Verification**

Reporting Period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024 GHG Emissions Inventory for Scope 1, Scope 2 and relevant Scope 3 emissions.

# Organisational Boundary for Reporting Energy Use and GHG emission

Operational Control is used as the reporting principle and the scope included the sites and operations.

The IFRS Foundation's head office at Columbus Building, 7 Westferry Circus, Canary Wharf, London E14 4HD and 6 sites where the IFRS Foundation has operational control. The site's addresses are:

- 1. Beijing Room 801, Building No 2, 16<sup>th</sup> Courtyard, Middle Road, West 4<sup>th</sup> Ring, Haidian District, Beijing, PR China, 100039.
- 2. Frankfurt Opernplatz 14, 60313, Frankfurt am Main, Germany.
- 3. Montreal 1 Place Ville-Marie, Suite 1470, Montréal, Quebec, H3B 2B2, Canada (from January 2024)
- 4. Montreal 2020 Robert-Bourassa Boulevard, Suite 1900, H3A 2AF, Quebec, Montreal, Canada (until April 2024).
- 5. San Francisco 1045 Sansome Street, Suite 450, San Francisco, CA 94111, USA.
- 6. Tokyo Otemachi Financial City South Tower 5F, 1-9-7, Otemachi, Chiyoda-ku, 100-004, Japan.

# **Reporting Period**

1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024.

## **Verification Criteria:**

World Resources Institute (WRI)/World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) Greenhouse Gas Protocol and Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard.

ISO 14064-1:2018: Greenhouse gases -- Part 1: Specification with guidance at the organisation level for the quantification and reporting of greenhouse gas emissions and removals.

#### **Verification Protocol:**

ISO 14064-3:2019 : Greenhouse gases -- Part 3: Specification with guidance for the validation and verification of greenhouse gas assertions.

#### **Level of Assurance**

Limited Level of Assurance.

### **Materiality Level**

Errors / omissions which represent ±5% of total emissions, single or aggregated, are considered material.

# **Verification Methodology**

DNV used a risk-based approach throughout the assurance engagement, concentrating on the areas that we believe are most material for both the IFRS Foundation and its stakeholders.

The following methods were applied during the verification of the IFRS Foundation's GHG data and management processes, the data that supports the IFRS Foundation's GHG data, and the GHG assertions presented by the IFRS Foundation:

- Review of documentation, data records and sources relating to the GHG data and emission assertions including a site visit to Head Office;
- Review of the processes and tools used to collect, aggregate and report on GHG emissions;
- Assessment of GHG information systems and controls, including:
  - Selection and management of all relevant GHG data and information;
  - Processes for collecting, processing, consolidating, and reporting GHG data and information;
  - Systems and processes that ensure the accuracy of the GHG data and information;
  - Design and maintenance of the GHG information system;
  - Systems and processes that support the GHG information system.
- Sample-based audits of the processes for generating, gathering and managing the quantitative and qualitative data included in the GHG Report;
- Examination of the GHG data and information to develop evidence for the assessment of the GHG assertions:
- Confirmation of whether the organisation conforms to verification criteria; and

• Evaluation of whether the evidence and data are sufficient and support the IFRS Foundation's GHG assertion.

#### **Data Verified - Greenhouse Gas Emissions**

## **Scope 1 Emissions**

Fuel: Natural Gas: 5 TCO<sub>2</sub>e (5 TCO<sub>2</sub>, 0 TCH<sub>4</sub>, 0 TN<sub>2</sub>O).

Fugitive Emissions: Refrigerant Losses: 0.154 TCO<sub>2</sub>e (breakdown not possible).

Total Scope 1 Emissions: 5 TCO<sub>2</sub>e.

### **Scope 2 Emissions**

Purchased electricity: Scope 2 Location Based: 65 TCO<sub>2</sub>e (65 TCO<sub>2</sub>, 0 TCH<sub>4</sub>, 0 TN<sub>2</sub>O breakdown of constituent gases only for London as it was not possible for the other sites).

Purchased electricity: Scope 2 Market Based: 38 TCO<sub>2</sub>e.

Purchased steam / district heat (new Montreal office): Scope 2 Location Based and Market Based as breakdown is not possible from the data supplied by the landlord: 17 TCO₂e.

Scope 2 Location Based and Market Based Factors for Purchased Electricity are reported on the basis of the following electricity consumption: 367,310 kWh. The Purchased Steam is based on a calculated 234 kLBS of steam.

Market Based Emissions Factors are based on the following: The Renewable Energy Obligations Commitment for the London Office and the latest available emissions factors from Carbon Footprint Limited (2024). For all other Scope 1 and Scope 2 Emissions Factors, the latest UK Government GHG Conversion Factors for Company Reporting were used (based on the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report AR5).

#### **Scope 3 Emissions**

Category 1: Purchased Goods & Services (water and paper for IFRS Foundation books, categories of spend that contribute 80% of the IFRS Foundation's spend (other than salaries and business travel) - 1,471 TCO<sub>2</sub>e.

Category 2: Capital Goods – 766 TCO₂e.

Category 3: Fuel & Energy-Related Activities Not Included in Scope 1 or Scope 2 − 23 TCO<sub>2</sub>e.

Category 4: Upstream Transportation & Distribution (distribution of IFRS books, including Well To Tank (WTT)) − 79 TCO₂e.

Category 5: Waste Generated in Operations − 4 TCO<sub>2</sub>e.

Category 6: Business Travel (IFRS Foundation employees', Board Members' and Trustees' air, road and travel, including WTT) –2,405 TCO<sub>2</sub>e.

Category 6: Business Travel (external attendees' air travel to two conferences in London, including WTT) − 1,314 TCO₂e.

Category 6: Hotel Nights Travel (including IFRS staff and external attendees' hotel nights to two conferences in London) – 75 TCO<sub>2</sub>e.

Category 7: Employee Commuting & Homeworking – 191 TCO<sub>2</sub>e.

Category 15: Investments – 2,409 TCO₂e.

Total Scope 3 Emissions 8,737 TCO₂e.

Total Scope 1, 2 (Location Based) and 3 Emissions 8,824 TCO<sub>2</sub>e. Total Scope 1, 2 (Market Based) and 3 Emissions 8,798 TCO<sub>2</sub>e.

# **Assurance Opinion**

Based on the verification process conducted by DNV, we provide a Limited Assurance of the GHG Statement for the IFRS Foundation. DNV found no evidence that the assertion:

- is not materially correct;
- is not a fair representation of the GHG emissions information; and
- is not prepared in accordance with the Reporting Criteria.

# **Independence**

DNV was not involved in the preparation of any part of the IFRS Foundation's data or report. We adopt a balanced approach towards all stakeholders when performing our evaluation.

DNV Business Assurance USA, Inc. Date 11 May 2025

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