

# Verification Opinion

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## Introduction

**DNV Business Assurance USA, Inc. (DNV)** has been commissioned by the management of the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) Foundation (Mardi McBrien, 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 2023 to 31 December 2023.

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 2023 to 31 December 2023 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 5 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 – 2020 Robert-Bourassa Boulevard, Suite 1900, H3A 2AF, Quebec, Montreal, Canada.
4. San Francisco - 1045 Sansome Street, Suite 450, San Francisco, CA 94111, USA.
5. Tokyo - Otemachi Financial City South Tower 5F, 1-9-7, Otemachi, Chiyoda-ku, 100-004, Japan.

## Reporting Period

1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023.

**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  $\pm 5\%$  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: 12 TCO<sub>2</sub>e (12 TCO<sub>2</sub>, 0 TCH<sub>4</sub>, 0 TN<sub>2</sub>O).

Fugitive Emissions: Refrigerant Losses: 0 TCO<sub>2</sub>e (breakdown not possible).

Total Scope 1 Emissions: 12 TCO<sub>2</sub>e.

### Scope 2 Emissions

Purchased electricity: Scope 2 Location Based: 59 TCO<sub>2</sub>e (33 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: 29 TCO<sub>2</sub>e.

Scope 2 Location Based and Market Based Factors are reported on the basis of the following electricity consumption 309,756 kWh.

Market Based Emissions Factors are based on the following: The Renewable Energy Obligations Commitment for the London Office, the latest available European Residual Mixes (2022) factor for Frankfurt (CO<sub>2</sub> only) and location based emissions factors from the Carbon Footprint Limited emissions factors (2023 07 International Factors-release v1.1). 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) – 1,368 TCO<sub>2</sub>e.

Category 2: Capital Goods – 390 TCO<sub>2</sub>e.

Category 3: Fuel & Energy-Related Activities Not Included in Scope 1 or Scope 2 – 15 TCO<sub>2</sub>e.

Category 4: Upstream Transportation & Distribution (distribution of IFRS books, including Well To Tank (WTT)) – 155 TCO<sub>2</sub>e.

Category 5: Waste Generated in Operations – 1 TCO<sub>2</sub>e.

Category 6: Business Travel (IFRS Foundation employees', Board Members' and Trustees' air, road, rail and hotel nights, including WTT) – 3,294 TCO<sub>2</sub>e.

Category 6: Business Travel (external attendees' air travel to a conference in London, including WTT) – 1,297 TCO<sub>2</sub>e.

Category 7: Employee Commuting & Homeworking – 205 TCO<sub>2</sub>e.

Category 15: Investments – 2,520 TCO<sub>2</sub>e.

Total Scope 3 Emissions 9,245 TCO<sub>2</sub>e.

**Total Scope 1, 2 and 3 Emissions (Location Based) 9,316 TCO<sub>2</sub>e.**

**Total Scope 1, 2 and 3 Emissions (Market Based) 9,286 TCO<sub>2</sub>e.**

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### 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:

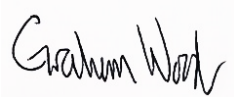
- is not materially correct;
- is not a fair representation of the GHG emissions information; and
- is not prepared in accordance with the Reporting Criteria.

### 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 31 July 2024***



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