

INDEPENDENT REASONABLE ASSURANCE STATEMENT TO RELIANCE INDUSTRIES LIMITED ON THEIR SUSTAINABILITY DISCLOSURES IN THE INTEGRATED ANNUAL REPORT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2019-20

To the Management of Reliance Industries Limited, 3rd Floor, Maker Chambers IV, 222, Nariman Point, Mumbai 400021, Maharashtra, India.

INTRODUCTION

We ('KPMG in India', or 'KPMG') have been engaged for the purpose of providing assurance on the selected Sustainability disclosures presented in the Integrated Annual Report ('the Report') of Reliance Industries Limited ('RIL' or 'the Company') for FY 2019-20. Our responsibility was to provide reasonable assurance on the Report content as described in the boundary, scope and limitations, as part of the Company's sustainability reporting assurance process.

REPORTING CRITERIA

RIL has developed its report based on the applicable accounting standards and has incorporated the principles of the International Integrated Reporting Framework (<IR>) published by the International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC) into the Management's Discussion and Analysis section of the Report.

Its sustainability performance reporting criteria has been derived from the GRI Standards of the Global Reporting Initiative, United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs), American Petroleum Institute - The International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association (API/IPIECA) Sustainability Reporting Guidelines, and Business Responsibility Reporting Framework based on the principles of National Voluntary Guidelines on Social, Environmental and Economic Responsibilities of Business (NVG – SEE), World Business Council for Sustainable Development's focus areas and Accountability's AA1000APS 2008 (Principles of Inclusivity, Materiality and Responsiveness).

- Other Frameworks/Initiatives

RIL, has also referred to new and emerging frameworks such as National Guidelines on

Responsible Business Conduct (NGRBC), Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) recommendations, United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPR), United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) Principles, Global Recycle Standard (GRS) Version 3.0, Natural Capital Protocol, Social and Human Capital Protocol, the selected Government of India's National Missions and Transition Pathway Initiative (TPI).

ASSURANCE STANDARDS

We conducted the assurance in accordance with

- Reasonable Assurance requirements of International Federation of Accountants' (IFAC) International Standard on Assurance Engagement (ISAE) 3000 (Revised) Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information
- Under this standard, we have reviewed the information presented in the report against the characteristics of relevance, completeness, reliability, neutrality and understandability.

BOUNDARY, SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS

- The boundary of assurance covers the sustainability performance of RIL's manufacturing divisions, refineries, exploration and production in India; business divisions such as chemicals; fibre intermediates; petroleum; polyester; polymers; Reliance Foundation and corporate office at Reliance Corporate Park, for the period 1st April, 2019 to 31st March, 2020.
- The sustainability disclosures covered as part of the scope of the assurance process were limited to water recycled and reused, reduction of energy consumption, total number of employees at RIL and total man-hours of training provided to RIL workforce.
- The assurance process was limited to the selected sustainability disclosures at relevant sections in the annual integrated report.

- The selected disclosures on the other reporting criteria and frameworks/ initiatives were restricted to those that were shared by the Company with KPMG and are mentioned in this report.
- The assurance scope excludes;
 - Aspects of the report other than those mentioned above;
 - Data and information outside the defined reporting period;
 - The Company's statements that describe expression of opinion, belief, aspiration, expectation, aim or future intention and assertions related to Intellectual Property Rights and other competitive issues

ASSURANCE PROCEDURES

Our assurance process involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the reliability of specified disclosures. The nature, timing and extent of procedures selected depend on our judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the selected sustainability disclosures whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we have considered internal controls relevant to the preparation of the Report in order to design assurance procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. Our assurance procedures also included:

- Assessment of RIL's reporting procedures regarding their consistency with the application of GRI Standards.
- Evaluating the appropriateness of the quantification methods used to arrive at the sustainability disclosures presented in the Report.
- Verification of systems and procedures used for quantification, collation, and analysis of sustainability disclosures included in the Report.
- Understanding the appropriateness of various assumptions, estimations and materiality thresholds used by RIL for data analysis.
- Discussions with the personnel responsible for the evaluation of competence required to ensure

reliability of data and information presented in the Report.

- Discussion on sustainability aspects with senior executives at the different plant locations and at the corporate office to understand the risks and opportunities from sustainability context and the strategy RIL is following.
- Assessment of the stakeholder engagement process through personal interviews and review of relevant documentation.
- Assessment of data reliability and accuracy.
- For verifying the data and information related to RIL's financial performance we have relied on its audited Financial Statements for the FY 2019-20.
- Verification of disclosures through site visits and virtual conference meetings with manufacturing units at Barabanki, Dahej, Hazira, Hoshiarpur, Jamnagar DTA, Jamnagar SEZ, Nagothane, Naroda, Patalganga, Silvassa and Vadodara; On-shore and off-shore exploration and production facilities at Gadimoga; Corporate office at Reliance Corporate Park, Navi Mumbai and review of key performance data from Shahdol.

Appropriate documentary evidences were obtained to support our conclusions on the information and data verified.

Where such documentary evidences could not be collected due to sensitive nature of the information, our team verified the same at the company premises.

CONCLUSIONS

Based on our assurance procedures and in line with the boundary, scope and limitations, we conclude that

- The selected sustainability parameters and disclosures presented in the Report by RIL are fairly represented.
- The sustainability disclosures as defined under scope of assurance are in alignment with the GRI standards.

- The company has also referred to other reporting criteria and emerging frameworks as mentioned under reporting criteria.

We have provided our observations to the Company in a separate management letter. These, do not, however, affect our conclusions regarding the Report.

INDEPENDENCE

The assurance was conducted by a multidisciplinary team including professionals with suitable skills and experience in auditing environmental, social and economic information in line with the requirements of ISAE 3000 (Revised) standard. Our work was performed in compliance with the requirements of the IFAC Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, which requires, among other requirements, that the members of the assurance team (practitioners) be independent of the assurance client, in relation to the scope of this assurance engagement, including not being involved in writing the Report. The Code also includes detailed requirements for practitioners regarding integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour. KPMG has systems and processes in place to monitor compliance with the Code and to prevent conflicts regarding independence. The firm applies ISQC 1 and the practitioner complies with the applicable independence and other ethical requirements of the IESBA code.

RESPONSIBILITIES

RIL is responsible for developing the Report contents. RIL is also responsible for identification of material sustainability topics, establishing and maintaining appropriate performance management and internal control systems and derivation of performance data reported. This statement is made solely to the Management of RIL in accordance with the terms of our engagement and as per scope of assurance.

Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to RIL those matters for which we have been engaged to state in this statement and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than RIL for our work, for this report, or for the conclusions expressed in this independent assurance statement. The assurance engagement is based on the assumption that the data and information provided to us is complete and true. We expressly disclaim any liability or co-responsibility for any decision a person or entity would make based on this assurance statement.



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