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INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE REPORT

KPMG was engaged by The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited (“HSH”) to undertake a limited assurance engagement on identified elements (“Identified Elements”) of the Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability Report and Data Statements 2016 of HSH (further referred to as “the Report”) for the year ended 31 December 2016 being prepared in accordance with the Reporting Criteria.

Identified Elements of the Report

The Identified Elements are as follows:

- The following data points and relevant narratives included in the Report on pages 4 to 39 of the Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability Report
- The following data points as included in the Data table on pages 43 to 47 of the Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability Report

Economic	People	Safety	Environment
Revenue (incl. interest income)	Headcount	Health and safety training	Greenhouse gas emissions
Operating costs	Turnover	Injury rate	Group carbon intensity
Employee wage and benefits	Headcount by gender	Lost day rate	Total energy use
Capital expenditure			Energy intensity
Payments to providers of capital			Direct water consumption
Tax payments to governments			Water intensity
Total floor area			Waste generated
Total number of guest nights			Waste recycled

Responsibilities of the Directors of The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited

The Directors of HSH are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Report specifically ensuring that in all material respects the Report is prepared and presented in accordance with the Reporting Criteria, being the Environmental, Social and Governance Reporting Guide, Appendix 27 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (“HKEx ESG Guide”) and the Global Reporting Initiative Sustainability Reporting Standards (“GRI Standards”). This responsibility also includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation of the Report that is free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

Responsibilities of the Independent Assurance Provider

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion to the Directors of HSH based on our limited assurance procedures referred to below as performed over the Identified Elements of the Report. Our independent limited assurance report is made solely to HSH in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Directors of HSH those matters we have been engaged to state in this independent limited assurance report and for no other purpose. We do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than HSH for our work, for this independent limited assurance report, or for the conclusion we have reached. The procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement vary in nature and timing from, and are less in extent than for, a reasonable assurance engagement and 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.

Basis of Our Work

We conducted our work in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000 Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information and ISAE 3410 Assurance Engagements on Greenhouse Gas Statements. These standards require the assurance team to possess the appropriate knowledge, skills and professional competencies needed to perform the assurance engagement.

Our Independence and Quality Control

The firm applies International Standard on Quality Control 1 and accordingly maintains a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements. We have complied with the independence and other requirements of the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants, which is founded on the fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour.

Work Performed

Our limited assurance engagement on the Identified Elements of the Report consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for the preparation of Identified Elements presented in the Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability Report, and applying analytical and other evidence gathering procedures, as appropriate. These procedures include:

- Conducting interviews with management and staff responsible for the collection and review of Identified Elements at HSH Head Office to obtain an understanding of the information collection process;
- Attending a site visit to understand the data collection processes used to gather and review Identified Elements included in the Report;

- Examining and testing the systems and processes in place to generate, aggregate and report the Identified Elements;
- Agreeing the Identified Elements, on a sample basis, to underlying calculations and supporting schedules;
- Performing an analytical review of data provided by each operation and investigating, through discussion with management, key movements compared to prior year, expectations and targets;
- Comparing the definitions as included in the HKEx ESG Guide and the GRI Standards against the definitions used by HSH to prepare the metrics;
- Reading the Sustainability Reporting Content Index on pages 48 to 52 of the Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability Report to determine whether it is in line with our understanding of HKEx ESG Guide and the GRI standards;
- Reading the information presented in the Report to determine whether it is in line with our overall knowledge of the sustainability performance of HSH.

Conclusion

Based on the limited assurance procedures and the evidence obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the Identified Elements, as described above, of the Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability Report and Data Statements 2016 of HSH for the year ended 31 December 2016, are not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Reporting Criteria.



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