

Independent Assurance Report

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 evaluating 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 against the definitions used by HSH to prepare the metrics;
- Reading the Sustainability Reporting Content Index on pages 36 to 42 of the Report to determine whether it is in line with our understanding of HKEx ESG Guide;
- 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 2018 of HSH for the year ended 31 December 2018, are not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Reporting Criteria.

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