


Independent Assurance


To enhance the reliability of the data disclosed in the *Hitachi Sustainability Report 2017*, we have received independent assurance of key environmental and social performance indicators by KPMG AZSA Sustainability Co., Ltd. The indicators that were assured are marked with a .

The standards, guidelines, and calculation methods used in collecting environmental data are posted on our website.



Calculation Methods for Environmental Load Data

Third-Party Assurance Report



Independent Assurance Report

To the President of Hitachi, Ltd.

We were engaged by Hitachi, Ltd. (the "Company") to undertake a limited assurance engagement of the environmental and social performance indicators marked with  for the period from April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017 (the "Indicators") included in its Hitachi Sustainability Report 2017 (the "Report") for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2017, except for the 'Employment of people with disabilities' and the 'Employment ratio of people with disabilities', whose figures as of June 2016 and June 2017 are the subject of this assurance engagement.

The Company's Responsibility
The Company is responsible for the preparation of the Indicators in accordance with its own reporting criteria (the "Company's reporting criteria"), as described in the Report, which are derived, among others, from the GRI Standards of the Global Reporting Initiative and Environmental Reporting Guidelines of Japan's Ministry of the Environment.

Our Responsibility
Our responsibility is to express a limited assurance conclusion on the Indicators based on the procedures we have performed. We conducted our engagement in accordance with 'International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000, Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information', 'ISAE 3410, Assurance Engagements on Greenhouse Gas Statements', issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, and the 'Practical Guidelines for the Assurance of Sustainability Information' of the Japanese Association of Assurance Organizations for Sustainability Information. The limited assurance engagement consisted of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for the preparation of information presented in the Report, and applying analytical and other procedures, and the procedures performed vary in nature from, and are less in extent than for, a reasonable assurance engagement. The level of assurance provided is thus not as high as that provided by a reasonable assurance engagement. Our assurance procedures included:

- Interviewing with the Company's responsible personnel to obtain an understanding of its policy for the preparation of the Report and reviewing the Company's reporting criteria.
- Inquiring about the design of the systems and methods used to collect and process the Indicators.
- Performing analytical reviews of the Indicators.
- Examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the generation, aggregation and reporting of the Indicators in conformity with the Company's reporting criteria, and also recalculating the Indicators.
- Visiting to the Company's Kokubu Factory selected on the basis of a risk analysis.
- Evaluating the overall statement in which the Indicators are expressed.

Conclusion
Based on the procedures performed, as described above, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the Indicators in the Report are not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Company's reporting criteria as described in the Report.

Our Independence and Quality Control
We have complied with the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants, which includes independence and other requirements founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behavior. In accordance with International Standard on Quality Control 1, we maintain a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

KPMG AZSA Sustainability Co., Ltd.

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Tokyo, Japan
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