

Translation

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Independent practitioner's assurance report

**Mr. Toshiaki Tokunaga, President & CEO
Hitachi, Ltd.**

Scope

We have been engaged by Hitachi, Ltd. (hereafter the "Company") to perform a limited assurance engagement, as defined by International Standards on Assurance Engagements, on the sustainability information of the Company and its major subsidiaries for the period from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 (the "Subject Matter"), as presented in the Company's "Hitachi ESG Data Book 2026" (hereafter the "Report"). The Subject Matter for which assurance procedures were performed has been marked with a (☑) in the relevant sections of the Report.

Other than as described in the preceding paragraph, we did not perform assurance procedures on the remaining information included in the Report, and accordingly, we do not express a conclusion on this information.

Criteria applied by the Company

In preparing the Subject Matter, the Company applied ISO 14064-1: 2018, which is based on the Greenhouse Gas Protocol (GHG Protocol) , Manual for Calculating and Reporting Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Ver. 6.1 (Ministry of the Environment, Japan) and GRI303: Water and Wastewater (2018) (the "Criteria").

The Company's responsibilities

The Company's management is responsible for selecting the Criteria, and for presenting the Subject Matter in accordance with the Criteria, in all material respects. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls, maintaining adequate records and making estimates that are relevant to the preparation of the Subject Matter, such that it is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In addition, Greenhouse gas (the "GHG") emissions are estimated using emissions factors, and the scientific knowledge on which such emission factors are based has not been established, thus being subject to inherent uncertainty.

EY's responsibilities

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the presentation of the Subject Matter described in the Report based on the evidence we have obtained.

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the *International Standard for Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information* ('ISAE 3000 (Revised)') and with respect to GHG emissions, the International Standard on Assurance

Engagements: Assurance Engagements on Greenhouse Gas Statements ('ISAE 3410'), issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, and the terms of the engagement set out in the engagement letter dated December 1, 2025 and the amendment memorandum dated March 6, 2026, and the amendment memorandum dated September 4, 2026. Those standards require that we plan and perform our engagement to express a conclusion on whether anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the Subject Matter is not prepared in all material respects in accordance with the Criteria. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risk of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

We believe that the evidence obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our limited assurance conclusions.

Our independence and quality management

We have maintained our independence and confirm that we have met the requirements of the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants, and have the required competencies and experience to conduct this assurance engagement.

EY also applies International Standard on Quality Management 1, *Quality Management for Firms that Perform Audits or Reviews of Financial Statements, or Other Assurance or Related Services Engagements*, which requires that we design, implement and operate a system of quality management including policies or procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

Description of procedures performed

Procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement vary in nature and timing from, and are less in extent than for a reasonable assurance engagement. 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. Our procedures were designed to obtain a limited level of assurance on which to base our conclusion and do not provide all the evidence that would be required to provide a reasonable level of assurance.

Although we considered the effectiveness of management's internal controls when determining the nature and extent of our procedures, our assurance engagement was not designed to provide assurance on internal controls. Our procedures did not include testing controls or performing procedures relating to checking aggregation or calculation of data within IT systems.

A limited assurance engagement consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for preparing the Subject Matter and related information, and applying analytical and other appropriate procedures.

Our procedures included:

- Making enquiries regarding the criteria determined by the Company with reference to applicable laws and regulations, and evaluating the appropriateness thereof;
- Conducting discussions with management concerning the Company's sustainability strategy, internal controls and whether there were any indications of fraud;

- Inspecting relevant documents with regard to the design and implementation of internal controls over the indicators presented in the Report, and making enquiries of personnel responsible for those controls;
- Performing analytical procedures concerning the indicators presented in the Report;
- Agreeing, on a sample basis, the indicators presented in the Report to supporting evidence and performing recalculations; and
- Conducting site visits at two domestic locations relevant to the indicators presented in the Report.

We also performed such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

Conclusion

Based on our procedures and the evidence obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the Subject Matter of the Company for the period from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 is not prepared in all material respects in accordance with the Criteria.

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Note: The original independent assurance report, which was prepared and issued in Japanese, is retained separately by the Company, as the preparer of the Report.