



# Independent Assurance

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To enhance the reliability of the data disclosed in the *Hitachi Sustainability Report 2020*, 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  
<https://www.hitachi.com/environment/data/method.html>



## Independent Assurance Report

To the President and CEO 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  (the "Indicators") for the period from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020 included in its Hitachi Sustainability Report 2020 (the "Report") for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2020.

### 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.

### 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 the 'International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000, Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information' and the 'ISAE 3410, Assurance Engagements on Greenhouse Gas Statements' issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. 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 the Company's responsible personnel to obtain an understanding of its policy for preparing 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 procedures on 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 recalculating the Indicators.
- Making inquiries and reviewing materials including documented evidence of Hitachi High-Tech Fine Systems Corporation's Saitama Factory selected on the basis of a risk analysis, as alternative procedures to a site visit.
- Evaluating the overall presentation of the Indicators.

### 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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