

# LRQA Independent Assurance Statement

Relating to SCSK Corporation's GHG Emissions Inventory for the fiscal year 2020

This Assurance Statement has been prepared for SCSK Corporation in accordance with our contract.

## Terms of Engagement

LRQA was commissioned by SCSK Corporation (the Organisation) to provide independent assurance of its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory ("the Report") for the fiscal year 2020, that is from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 against the assurance criteria below to a limited level of assurance and materiality of the professional judgement of the verifier using ISO 14064 - 3 for greenhouse gas emissions.

Our assurance engagement covered operations and activities of SCSK Group's 23 companies in Japan and overseas, and specifically the following requirements:

- Verifying conformance with:
  - the Organisation's reporting methodologies for the selected datasets.
- Evaluating the accuracy and reliability of data and information for only the selected indicators listed below:
  - Direct (Scope 1), Energy Indirect (Scope 2) and Other Indirect (Scope 3) GHG emissions;
  - The Report is added calculation of the Scope 3 emissions to the Scopes 1 and 2 GHG emissions assured in July 2021;
    - Scope 3 GHG emissions verified by LRQA only include the Categories 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 11 and 12.

Our assurance engagement excluded the other data and information of the Organisation's suppliers, contractors and any third-parties mentioned in the report. The Report excludes emissions of GHGs other than energy-oriented CO<sub>2</sub>, and GHG emissions from use of energy at rental offices that the group companies are using and has difficulty to collect data. These GHG emissions excluded from the calculation are relatively small to the total GHG emissions of the Organisation.

LRQA's responsibility is only to the Organisation. LRQA disclaims any liability or responsibility to others as explained in the end footnote. the Organisation's responsibility is for collecting, aggregating, analysing and presenting all the data and information within the Report and for maintaining effective internal controls over the systems from which the Report is derived. Ultimately, the Report has been approved by, and remains the responsibility of the Organisation.

## LRQA's Opinion

Based on LRQA's approach nothing has come to our attention that would cause us to believe that the Organisation has not, in all material respects:

- Met the requirements of the criteria listed above; and
- Disclosed accurate and reliable performance data and information as summarized in Table 1 below.

The opinion expressed is formed on the basis of a limited level of assurance<sup>1</sup> and at the materiality of the professional judgement of the verifier.

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<sup>1</sup> The extent of evidence-gathering for a limited assurance engagement is less than for a reasonable assurance engagement. Limited assurance engagements focus on aggregated data rather than physically checking source data at sites. Consequently, the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had a reasonable assurance engagement been performed.

**Table 1. Summary of SCSK Group's GHG Emissions Inventory for the fiscal year 2020:**

Scope of GHG emissions	Tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> e
Scope 1 GHG emissions	249
Scope 2 GHG emissions (Location-based)	59,895
Scope 2 GHG emissions (Market-based)	52,354
Scope 3 GHG emissions	538,328
1. Purchased goods & services	250,615
2. Capital goods	27,572
3. Fuel- and energy-related activities	9,031
5. Waste generated in operations	273
6. Business travel	917
7. Employee commuting	4,951
11. Use of sold products	244,947
12. End of life treatment of sold products	22

Note 1: Data of Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions is as assured in July 2021.

Note 2: Scope 2, Location-based and Scope 2, Market-based are defined in the WRI/WBCSD GHG Protocol Scope 2 Guidance, 2015

## LRQA's Approach

LRQA's assurance engagements are carried out in accordance with ISO 14064-3:2006, 'Specification with guidance for validation and verification of greenhouse gas assertions'. The following tasks were undertaken as part of the evidence gathering process for this assurance engagement:

- reviewing processes related to the control of GHG emissions data and records;
- interviewing relevant employees of the Organisation responsible for managing GHG emissions data and records;
- assessing the Organisation's data management systems to confirm they are designed to prevent significant errors, omissions or mis-statements in the Report. We did this by reviewing the effectiveness of data handling procedures, instructions and systems, including those for internal quality control at the Organisation's head office in Tokyo, Japan; and
- verifying historical GHG emissions data and records at an aggregated level for the fiscal year 2020.

## Observations

Further observations and findings, made during the assurance engagement, are:

- the Organisation should make efforts to capture fuel consumption of the company cars and emergency power generators, emissions of GHGs other than energy-oriented CO<sub>2</sub>, and to improve completeness and accuracy of calculation of GHG emissions of the group companies in Japan and the overseas.
- the Organisation should continue to make efforts to collect data including it for the group companies and strengthen the internal quality management and data checks.

## LRQA's Standards, Competence and Independence

LRQA implements and maintains a comprehensive management system that meets accreditation requirements for ISO 14065 Greenhouse gases – Requirements for greenhouse gas validation and verification bodies for use in accreditation or other forms of recognition and ISO/IEC 17021-1 'Conformity assessment – Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems – Part1: Requirements' that are at least as demanding as



the requirements of the International Standard on Quality Control and comply with the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants.

LRQA ensures the selection of appropriately qualified individuals based on their qualifications, training and experience. The outcome of all verification and certification assessments is then internally reviewed by senior management to ensure that the approach applied is rigorous and transparent.

The verification and certification assessments are the only work undertaken by LRQA for the Organisation and as such does not compromise our independence or impartiality.

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michiaki Chiba".

Dated: 4 February 2022

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