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## **Independent Practitioners' Reasonable Assurance Report**

#### To the Directors of Tata Chemicals Limited

Assurance Report on the sustainability disclosures in the Business Responsibility and Sustainability Reporting (BRSR) section of Integrated Annual Report Core Format <sup>1</sup> (called 'Identified Sustainability Information' (ISI) of Tata Chemicals Limited (the 'Company') for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. The ISI is included in the Business Responsibility and Sustainability Reporting section of Integrated Annual Report of the Company for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

### **Opinion**

We have performed a reasonable assurance engagement on whether the Company's sustainability disclosures in the BRSR Core Format (refer to Annexure 1) for the period from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 has been prepared in accordance with the reporting criteria (refer table below).

Identified Sustainability Information (ISI) subject to assurance	Period subject to assurance	Page number in the Annual Report	Reporting criteria
BRSR Core (refer Appendix – I)	1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024	77 to 114	<ul> <li>Regulation 34(2)(f) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements (SEBI LODR)</li> <li>Guidance note for BRSR format issued by SEBI</li> <li>World Resource Institute (WRI) / World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Protocol (A Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standards)</li> </ul>

This engagement was conducted by a multidisciplinary team including assurance practitioners, engineers and environmental and social professionals.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Notified by SEBI vide circular number SEBI/HO/CFD/CFD-SEC-2/P/CIR/2023/122 dated 12 July 2023



In our opinion, the company's Identified Sustainability Information on pages 77 to 114 of the Integrated Annual Report for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024, subject to reasonable assurance is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Regulation 34(2)(f) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements (SEBI LODR) and basis of preparation set out in page 77 of section A of Business Responsibility and Sustainability Reporting section of the Integrated Annual Report.

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our engagement in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000 (Revised), Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "Our responsibilities" section of our report.

We have complied with the independence and other ethical requirements of the International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA).

Our firm applies International Standard on Quality Management (ISQM) 1, Quality Management for Firms that Perform Audits or Reviews of Financial Statements, or Other Assurance or Related Services Engagements, issued by the IAASB. This standard requires the firm to 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.

We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Other information

Management and the Board of Directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Company's Annual Report (but does not include the BRSR Core attributes and assurance report thereon).

Additionally, we have performed a limited assurance engagement on select BRSR and GRI indicators and issued an independent assurance report on 2 June 2024. Our report thereon is included with the other information.

Our reasonable assurance opinion on the ISI does not extend to other information that accompanies or contains the 'ISI and our assurance report' (hereafter referred to as "other information"). We have read the other information, but we have not performed any procedures with respect to the other information.

### Other matter

Select BRSR Core attributes of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2023 were assured by the previous assurance practitioner who had expressed an unmodified opinion on 19 May 2023.

Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.



## **Intended use or purpose**

The ISI and our reasonable assurance report are intended for users who have reasonable knowledge of the BRSR Core attributes, the reporting criteria and ISI and who have read the information in the ISI with reasonable diligence and understand that the ISI is prepared and assured at appropriate levels of materiality.

Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

## Responsibilities for the identified Sustainability Information (ISI)

The management of the Company acknowledge and understand their responsibility for:

- designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation of the ISI that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error;
- selecting or establishing suitable criteria for preparing the ISI, taking into account applicable laws and regulations, if any, related to reporting on the ISI, identification of key aspects, engagement with stakeholders, content, preparation and presentation of the ISI in accordance with the reporting criteria;
- disclosure of the applicable criteria used for preparation of the ISI in the relevant report/statement;
- preparing/properly calculating the ISI in accordance with the reporting criteria; and
- ensuring the reporting criteria is available for the intended users with relevant explanation;
- establishing targets, goals and other performance measures, and implementing actions to achieve such targets, goals and performance measures;
- responsible for providing the details of the management personnel who takes ownership of the ISI disclosed in the report;
- ensuring compliance with law, regulation or applicable contracts;
- making judgments and estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances;
- identifying and describing any inherent limitations in the measurement or evaluation of information subject to assurance in accordance with the reporting criteria;
- preventing and detecting fraud;
- selecting the content of the ISI, including identifying and engaging with intended users to understand their information needs:
- informing us of other information that will be included with the ISI;
- supervision of other staff involved in the preparation of the ISI

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the reporting process for the Company's ISI.

## Inherent limitations in preparing the ISI

The preparation of the company's BRSR information requires the management to establish or interpret the criteria, make determinations about the relevancy of information to be included, and make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported information.



Measurement of certain amounts and BRSR Core metrics, some of which are estimates, is subject to substantial inherent measurement uncertainty, for example, GHG emissions, water footprint, energy footprint. Obtaining sufficient appropriate evidence to support our opinion/conclusion does not reduce the uncertainty in the amounts and metrics.

## Our responsibilities

We are responsible for:

- Planning and performing the engagement to obtain reasonable assurance on the sustainability disclosures in the BRSR Core are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, in accordance with the Reporting Criteria in line with the section above.
- Forming an independent opinion, based on the procedures we have performed and the evidence we have obtained, and
- Reporting our reasonable assurance opinion to the Directors of Tata Chemicals Limited.

### **Exclusions**

Our assurance scope excludes the following and therefore we will not express a conclusion on the same:

- Operations of the Company other than those mentioned in the "Scope of Assurance".
- Aspects of the BRSR and the data/information (qualitative or quantitative) other than the ISI.
- Data and information outside the defined reporting period i.e., 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
- The statements that describe expression of opinion, belief, aspiration, expectation, aim, or future intentions provided by the Company.

### Summary of the work we performed as the basis for our conclusion

We exercised professional judgment and maintained professional skepticism throughout the engagement. We designed and performed our procedures to obtain evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our reasonable assurance opinion. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depended on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the information subject to reasonable assurance, whether due to fraud or error. We identified and assessed the risks of material misstatement through understanding the Information subject to reasonable assurance and the engagement circumstances. We also obtained an understanding of the internal control relevant to the information subject to reasonable assurance in order to design procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal controls. In carrying out our engagement, we:

- assessed the suitability of the criteria used by the company in preparing the reasonable assurance information;
- evaluated the appropriateness of reporting policies, quantification methods and models used in the preparation of the information subject to reasonable assurance and the reasonableness of estimates made by the company; and
- evaluated the overall presentation of the information subject to reasonable assurance.



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Place: Mumbai



# Appendix – I

## **BRSR** Core attributes

BRSR Indicator	Type of Assurance
P6 E1- Details of total energy consumption (in Joules or multiples)	Reasonable
P6 E1- Details of total energy intensity	Reasonable
P6 E3- Provide details of water withdrawal by source	Reasonable
P6 E4- Provide details of water discharged	Reasonable
P6 E3- Provide details of water consumption	Reasonable
P6 E7- Provide details of greenhouse gas emissions (Scope 1)	Reasonable
P6 E7- Provide details of greenhouse gas emissions (Scope 2)	Reasonable
<b>P6 E7 -</b> Provide details of greenhouse gas emissions (Scope 1 and Scope 2) intensity	Reasonable
P6 E9- Provide details related to waste generated by category of waste	Reasonable
<b>P6 E9</b> - Provide details related to waste recovered through recycling, re-using or other recovery operations	Reasonable
<b>P6 E9-</b> Provide details related to waste disposed by nature of disposal method	Reasonable
P3 E11-Details of safety related incidents including lost time injury frequency rate, recordable work-related injuries, no. of fatalities	Reasonable
<b>P9</b> E7- Instances involving loss/breach of data of customers as a percentage of total data breaches or cyber security events	Reasonable
P5 E7- Complaints filed under the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013, including complaints reported, complaints as a % of female employees, and complaints upheld	Reasonable
P1 E9-Concentration of purchases & sales done with trading houses, dealers, and related parties Loans and advances & investments with related parties	Reasonable
P1 E8- Number of days of accounts payable	Reasonable
P8 E5- Job creation in smaller towns	Reasonable
<b>P3 E1c-</b> Spending on measures towards well-being of employees and workers – cost incurred as a % of total revenue of the company	Reasonable
P5 E3b- Gross wages paid to females as % of wages paid	Reasonable
<b>P8 E4 -</b> Input material sourced from following sources as % of total purchases – Directly sourced from MSMEs/ small producers and from within India	Reasonable