

Independent Assurance Statement

The Management and Board of Directors
Hindustan Zinc Limited
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Scope

We have been engaged by Hindustan Zinc Limited (hereafter "HZL") to perform a 'limited assurance engagement,' as defined by International Standards on Assurance Engagements, hereafter referred to as the engagement, to report on HZL's CDP Water Security Response ("Subject Matter") contained in HZL's (the "Company's") CDP "Water Security" Report that is being assured as of 26 July 2023 for the period from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 (the "Report").

Other than as described in the preceding paragraph, which sets out the scope of our engagement, 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 HZL

In preparing the annual water disclosures as part of CDP Water Security Response, HZL applied the Criteria of "CDP Water Security Reporting Guidance" along with internal protocols (**hereafter referred to as "the Criteria"**). The CDP Reporting Guidance was specifically designed for the water related disclosures; As a result, the subject matter information may not be suitable for another purpose.

HZL's responsibilities

HZL's management is responsible for selecting the Criteria, and for presenting the Report FY2022-23 in accordance with that 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.

EY's responsibilities

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the presentation of the Subject Matter 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 the terms of reference for this engagement as agreed with HZL on 24 February 2023. Those standards require that we plan and perform our engagement to express a conclusion on whether we are aware of any material modifications that need to be made to the Subject Matter in order for it to be in accordance with the Criteria, and to issue a report. 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 Control

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 Report and related information and applying analytical and other appropriate procedures.

Our procedures included:

- Conducted interviews with select personnel at sites and corporate teams to understand the process for collecting, collating and reporting the subject matter as per the Criteria;
- Physical and remote verification of data, on a selective test basis, for the following sites, through consultations with the site team and corporate sustainability team;

S.No.	Entity	Geography	Mode of assurance
1	HZL Debari Smelter	Rajasthan, India	Physical and Virtual
2	HZL Dariba Agucha Mines	Rajasthan, India	Physical and Virtual
3	HZL Zawar Mines	Rajasthan, India	Physical and Virtual
4	HZL Kayad Mines	Rajasthan, India	Physical and Virtual
5	Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL), Corporate Office	Rajasthan, India	Virtual

- Verification of following water related disclosures, on a selective test basis, through consultations with the site team and sustainability team

GRI 303-1	Total volume of water withdrawal - operational and non-operational use (in KL)	2,66,67,321
GRI 303-4	Total volume of water consumption (in KL)	2,54,57,583
GRI 303-3	Total volume of water recycled/reused (in KL)	1,83,96,116
GRI 306-1:	Total Volume of water discharge (in KL)	0

- Checked that the calculation criteria have been correctly applied in accordance with the methodologies outlined in the Criteria;
- Undertook analytical review procedures to support the reasonableness of the data
- Execution of an audit trail of claims and data streams, on a selective test basis, to determine the level of accuracy in collection, transcription and aggregation processes followed;

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

Emphasis of matter

The assurance scope excludes:

- Data and information outside the defined reporting period-1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023,
- Data and information on economic and financial performance of the Company;
- Data, statements and claims already available in the public domain through Annual Report, or other sources;
- The Company's statements that describe the expression of opinion, belief, inference, aspiration, expectation, aim or future intention;
- The Company's compliance with regulations, acts, guidelines with respect to various regulatory agencies and other legal matters.

Conclusion

Based on our procedures and the evidence obtained, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the CDP Water Security Response for the period of 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023, in order for it to be in accordance with the Criteria.

Restricted use

This report is intended solely for the information and use of HZL and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than HZL.

For and on behalf of Ernst & Young Associates LLP.



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26 July 2023
Kolkata, India