

# Price Waterhouse Chartered Accountants LLP

## Independent practitioner's limited assurance report

### To the Board of Directors of Tata Chemicals Limited

We have undertaken to perform the following assurance engagement for Tata Chemicals Limited ("TCL" or 'company') vide agreement dated May 25, 2021 and addendum thereto dated June 4, 2021 in respect of select sustainability indicators listed below ("Identified Sustainability Indicators"). These indicators are as included in Integrated Annual Report of the Company for the year ended March 31, 2021 ('the Integrated Annual Report'):

- Limited Assurance under International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 (Revised) [ISAE 3000 (Revised)] in respect of the Identified Sustainability Indicators.
- Type 1 "Moderate level" of Assurance under AA1000 Assurance Standard (AA1000AS V3) in respect of the Principles of inclusivity, materiality, responsiveness and impact as defined in the AA1000 Accountability Principles (2018) (the "AA1000 Accountability Principles").

### Identified Sustainability Indicators

The Identified Sustainability Indicators are summarised in Annexure 1 to this report.

Our limited assurance engagement was with respect to the year ended 31 March, 2021 information only and we have not performed any procedures with respect to earlier periods or any other elements included in the Integrated Annual Report and, therefore, do not express any conclusion thereon.

### Criteria

The criteria used by TCL to prepare Identified Sustainability Indicators are:

Criteria 1: Global Reporting Initiatives Standards ("GRI Standards") as stated under "Basis of Reporting" on the content page of the Integrated Annual Report (the 'Criteria').

Criteria 2: AA1000 Accountability Principles for determination of inclusivity, materiality, responsiveness and impact of the specified information with regard to the identified sustainability indicators.

### Management's Responsibility

TCL's Management is responsible for communicating the way an organization manages its sustainability performance of the specified information with regard to the identified sustainability indicators in respect of Criteria 2 and the preparation and presentation of the Integrated Annual Report in accordance with the Criteria 1 stated above. This responsibility includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control over information relevant to the preparation of the integrated annual report and measurement of Identified Sustainability Indicators, which is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Inherent limitations

The absence of a significant body of established practice on which to draw to evaluate and measure non-financial indicators allows for different, but acceptable, measures and measurement techniques and can affect comparability between entities. In addition, GHG quantification is subject to inherent uncertainty because of incomplete scientific knowledge used to determine emissions factors and the values needed to combine emissions of different gases.



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## **Our Independence and Quality Control**

We have complied with the independence and other ethical requirements of the International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA Code), which is founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behavior.

Our firm applies International Standard on Quality Control 1 and accordingly maintains a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

## **Our Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express a limited assurance conclusion on the Identified Sustainability Indicators based on the procedures we have performed and evidence we have obtained. We conducted our limited assurance engagement in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 (Revised) 'Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information', issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board and Type 1 "Moderate Level" assurance requirements of AA1000 Assurance Standards (AA1000AS V3) issued by Accountability and the 'Guidance on Applying the AA1000 AS V3 for Assurance Providers (2020)'. These standards and the guidance require that we plan and perform this engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the Identified Sustainability Indicators are free from material misstatement including that due to fraud or error, and to evaluate the overall presentation of the Identified Sustainability Indicators in accordance with the Global Reporting Initiatives Standards ("GRI Standards") and the principles set out in AA1000 Accountability Principles 2018 which involves assessing the suitability in the circumstances of TCL's use of the criteria as the basis for the preparation of the subject matter.

Our limited assurance shall not be taken as a basis for interpreting the TCL's performance across the scope of aspects covered in the Integrated Annual Report.

A limited assurance engagement is substantially less in scope than a reasonable assurance engagement in relation to both the risk assessment procedures, including an understanding of internal control, and the procedures performed in response to the assessed risks. The procedures we performed were based on our professional judgment and included inquiries, observation of processes performed, inspection of documents, evaluating the appropriateness of quantification methods and reporting policies, and agreeing or reconciling with underlying records.

Consequently, the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is substantially lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had we performed a reasonable assurance engagement. Accordingly, we do not express a reasonable assurance opinion about whether the Identified Sustainability Indicators have been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Criteria, or whether the requirements of the principles of inclusivity, materiality, responsiveness and impact parameters of AA 1000 have been considered in the preparation of the Identified Sustainability Indicators.

The limited assurance engagement involved performing the procedures listed above pursuant to which we carried out the following specific procedures. The procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement vary in nature and timing from, and are less in extent than for, a reasonable assurance engagement.



With regard to the compliance of the Identified Sustainability Indicators with the GRI Guidelines and AA1000 Accountability principles 2018, we conducted the following procedures:

- Made enquiries of Company's management, including the various teams such as Sustainability team, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Team, etc., and those with responsibility for managing company's sustainability and Integrated annual reporting; and about the effectiveness of processes used to create Impact.
- Performed understanding and evaluation of the design of the key structures, systems, processes and controls for managing, recording and reporting on the agreed Indicators/ parameters including at the sites visited.
- Understanding the processes used for adherence to the AA1000 Accountability Principles, 2018,
- Performed limited substantive testing on a selective basis of the Identified sustainability Indicators at corporate head office, and in relation to sample of sites (Mithapur, Ankleshwar and Lote in India, Green River in USA, Lake Magadi in Kenya and Northwich and British Salt Limited in United Kingdom), to check that data had been appropriately measured, recorded, collated and reported;
- Reviewed the level of adherence to GRI Standards, the reporting framework followed by the Company in preparing the Integrated Annual Report
- Reviewed of the Integrated Annual Report for detecting, on a test basis, any major anomalies between the information reported in the Integrated Annual Report on performance with respect to agreed Indicators/ parameters and relevant source data/information

#### **Exclusions**

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

- Operations of the Group other than those mentioned in the "Scope of Assurance"
- Aspects of the Integrated Annual Report and the data/information (qualitative or quantitative) other than the Identified Sustainability Indicators.
- Data and information outside the defined reporting period i.e. April 2020 to March 2021.
- The statements that describe expression of opinion, belief, aspiration, expectation, aim or future intentions provided by the Company.
- The absence of a significant body of established practice on which to draw to evaluate and measure non-financial information allows for different, but acceptable, measures and measurement techniques and can affect comparability between entities.

#### **Limited Assurance Conclusion**

Based on the procedures we have performed and the evidence we have obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that:

(a) TCL's Identified Sustainability Indicators contained in the Integrated Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2021 are not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Global Reporting Initiatives Standards ("GRI Standards").

(b) TCL does not have systems and processes in place to comply with the principles of AA 1000 i.e. inclusivity, materiality, responsiveness and impact in the preparation of the Identified Sustainability Indicators.



**Restriction on Use**

Our limited assurance report has been prepared and addressed to the Board of Directors of TCL at the request of the company solely to assist the company in reporting on the Sustainability performance and activities. Accordingly, we accept no liability to anyone, other than TCL. Our deliverables should not be used for any other purpose or by any person other than the addressees of our deliverables. The Firm neither accepts nor assumes any duty of care or liability for any other purpose or to any other party to whom our Deliverables are shown or into whose hands it may come without our prior consent in writing.

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## Annexure 1

### Identified Sustainability Indicators

| S. No              | Indicator No. | Indicator Description  |
|--------------------|---------------|--|
| <b>Environment</b> |               |  |
| 1                  | 301-1         | Materials used by weight or volume   |
| 2                  | 302-1         | Energy consumption within the organization                                       |
| 3                  | 302-2         | Energy consumption outside the organization                                      |
| 4                  | 302-4         | Reduction of energy consumption  |
| 5                  | 303-3         | Water withdrawal   |
| 6                  | 303-4         | Water discharge  |
| 7                  | 303-5         | Water consumption  |
| 8                  | 305-1         | Direct (Scope 1) GHG emissions   |
| 9                  | 305-2         | Energy indirect (Scope 2) GHG emissions  |
| 10                 | 305-3         | Other indirect (Scope 3) GHG emissions   |
| 11                 | 305-4         | GHG emissions intensity  |
| 12                 | 305-7         | Nitrogen oxides (NOx), Sulphur oxides (SOx), and other significant air Emissions |
| 13                 | 306-3         | Waste Generated  |
| 14                 | 306-4         | Waste diverted from disposal   |
| <b>Social</b>      |               |  |
| 15                 | 403-5         | Worker training on occupational health and safety                                |
| 16                 | 403-9         | Work-related injuries  |
| 17                 | 404-1         | Average hours of training per year per employee                                  |
| 18                 | 405-1         | Diversity of governance bodies and employees                                     |

