**Assurance Statement Assurance Statement** 

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Independent limited assurance report to Dubai Multi Commodities Centre ("DMCC") on the preparation of the DMCC Sustainability Report for the year ended 31 December 2020 (the "Report"), in accordance with the Global Reporting Initiative Standards: Core Option (the "GRI").

### WHAT WE LOOKED AT: SCOPE OF **OUR WORK**

DMCC has engaged Deloitte to perform limited assurance procedures on their selfdeclaration of preparing the Report in accordance with the GRI.

# WHAT STANDARDS WE USED: BASIS OF **OUR WORK, CRITERIA USED AND LEVEL OF ASSURANCE**

We carried out limited assurance procedures over DMCC's compliance with core level reporting in respect to the application of the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Standards in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 (Revised) "Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information" ("ISAE 3000"). To achieve limited assurance, ISAE 3000 requires that we review the processes, systems and competencies used to compile the Report, on which we provide limited assurance. It does not include detailed testing for each of the indicators reported, or of the operating effectiveness of processes and internal controls. 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. 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.

## WHAT WE DID: KEY LIMITED ASSURANCE **PROCEDURES**

To form our conclusion, we undertook the following procedures:

- Interviewed Management and those with operational responsibility for sustainability performance to assess the application of the GRI in the preparation of the Report;
- Understood, analysed and assessed the key structures, processes, procedures and controls relating to the preparation of the Report;
- Evaluated whether the management approach for the material sustainability issues presented in the Report are consistent with our overall knowledge and experience of sustainability management and performance at DMCC;
- Assessed the completeness and accuracy of the GRI Standards content index with respect to the GRI, including review of reasons for omission: and
- Reviewed the content of the Report against the findings of the aforementioned procedures.

#### **LIMITATIONS**

The process an organisation adopts to define, gather and report information on its nonfinancial performance is not subject to the formal processes adopted for financial reporting. Therefore, data of this nature is subject to variations in definitions, collection and reporting methodology, often with no consistent, accepted external standard. This may result in noncomparable information between organisations and from year to year within an organisation as methodologies develop.

In relation to our work performed on the Report, we note the following specific limitation:

• Our testing did not include assurance of, or detailed testing of the underlying data for each of the indicators reported, or of published assertions. As such, our work does not involve procedures to verify the accuracy of the performance data or assertions published.

#### **OUR INDEPENDENCE AND QUALITY CONTROL**

In carrying out our work, we have complied with the independence and other ethical requirements of the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA Code), which are founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour and the ethical requirements that are relevant in Qatar. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code.

In performing our work, we applied International Standard on Quality Control 1 and accordingly 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

#### **ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

## DMCC:

• DMCC is responsible for the preparation of the Report and for the information and statements contained within. They are responsible for determining sustainability objectives, identifying stakeholder groups and determine material topics to be included in the Report and ensuring that these are in line with the GRI criteria. The Management is also responsible for establishing and maintaining appropriate performance management and internal control systems from which the reported information is derived.

#### Deloitte:

- Our responsibility is to provide a limited level of assurance on the subject matters as defined within the scope of work above to DMCC in accordance with our letter of engagement, and report thereon. In conducting our limited assurance engagement, we have complied with the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA Code).
- We confirm that we apply International Standard on Quality Control 1 and accordingly 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.
- Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to DMCC those matters we are required to state to them in this limited assurance report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than DMCC for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

#### **CONCLUSIONS**

Based on our limited assurance procedures performed and evidence obtained, subject to the limitations mentioned above, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the Report has not been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the GRI.

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