



LRQA Independent Assurance Statement

Relating to Credit Saison's Environmental Data for the fiscal year 2023

This Assurance Statement has been prepared for Credit Saison Co., Ltd. in accordance with our contract.

Terms of Engagement

LRQA was commissioned by Credit Saison Co., Ltd. ("the Company") to provide independent assurance on its environmental data ("the report") for the fiscal year 2023, that is, from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024, against the assurance criteria below to a limited level of assurance and materiality of the professional judgement of the verifier using ISAE 3000 (Revised) and ISO 14064 -3:2019 for greenhouse gas emissions.

Our assurance engagement covered operations and activities of the Company and its subsidiaries in Japan and overseas¹ and specifically the following requirements:

- Verifying conformance with the Company's reporting methodologies for the selected datasets:
- Evaluating the accuracy and reliability of data and information for only the selected indicators listed below:

Environmental²

- Scope 1 GHG emissions (tonnes CO₂)³
- Scope 2 GHG emissions [Market-based and Location-based] (tonnes CO₂)
- Scope 3 GHG emissions (Category 2, 13) (tonnes CO₂e)
- Energy usage amount (Power consumption) (kWh)

Our assurance engagement excluded the data and information of the Company's suppliers, contractors and any third-parties mentioned in the report.

LRQA's responsibility is only to the Company. LRQA disclaims any liability or responsibility to others as explained in the end footnote. The Company'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 Company.

LRQA's Opinion

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

- Met the requirements of the criteria listed above
- Disclosed accurate and reliable performance data and information

The opinion expressed is formed on the basis of a limited level of assurance⁴ and at the materiality of the professional judgement of the verifier.

LRQA's Approach

LRQA's assurance engagements are carried out in accordance with ISAE 3000 (Revised) and ISO 14064-3:2019. The following tasks were undertaken as part of the evidence gathering process for this assurance engagement:

¹ It covers Credit Saison Co., Ltd., SAISON FUNDEX CORPORATION, Saison Realty Co., Ltd., Saison Personalplus Co., Ltd., SAISON COLLECTION SERVICE CO., LTD., Concerto Inc. and Kisetu saison Finance (India) Pvt. Ltd.

² GHG quantification is subject to inherent uncertainty.

³ Scope 1 GHG emissions includes only energy-oriented CO₂.

⁴ 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.



- Auditing the Company's data management systems to confirm that there were no significant errors, omissions or misstatements in the report. We did this by reviewing the effectiveness of data handling procedures, instructions and systems, including those for internal verification.
- Interviewing with those key people responsible for compiling the data and drafting the report.
- Sampling datasets and traced activity data back to aggregated levels;
- Verifying the historical data and records for the fiscal year 2023; and
- Visiting Canon Chemicals Inc.'s Iwama Plant and Canon IT Solutions' Nishi-Tokyo data centre to confirm the data collection processes, record management practices, and to physically check emission sources.

Observations

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

- Some properties have discrepancies in the timing of electricity usage calculations, so it is desirable to establish a calculation system that allows actual usage to be collected in accordance with the calculation period.

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 1 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.

This is the only work undertaken by LRQA for Company and as such does not compromise our independence or impartiality.

Signed

Dated: 28 April 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kazuyori Yukinaka', is positioned below the 'Signed' text.

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