

Independent Limited Assurance Report to the Board of Directors of Spectris PLC

Independent Limited Assurance Report by Deloitte LLP to the Directors of Spectris PLC on selected Environmental, Social and Governance (“ESG”) metrics (the “Selected Information”) within the Annual Report for the reporting year ended 31 December 2022.

What we found: Our assurance conclusion

Based on our procedures described in this report, and evidence we have obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the Selected Information, for the year ended 31 December 2022, as listed below and indicated with a * in the Annual Report, has not been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Applicable Criteria set out in within the Basis of Reporting, prepared and published by Spectris PLC at www.spectris.com/environment.

We draw attention to the data hierarchy outlined within the basis of reporting, which describes where actual data is not available, management accrues actual data or calculates an estimate. In the current year 22% of the total energy consumption, and 21% of the combined scope 1 and scope 2 emissions were accrued or estimated. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

What we looked at: scope of our work

Spectris PLC has engaged us to provide independent limited assurance in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 (Revised) Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information (“ISAE 3000 (Revised)”), and the International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3410 Assurance Engagements on Greenhouse Gas Statements (ISAE 3410) issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (“IAASB”) and our agreed terms of engagement.

The Selected Information in scope of our engagement for the year ended 31st December 2022, is indicated with a * in the Annual Report, and as follows:

Selected Information	Assured Value	Unit
Scope 1 emissions	5,523.5	tonnes CO ₂ e
Scope 2 emissions – Market Based	12,022.5	tonnes CO ₂ e
Scope 2 emissions – Location Based	17,176.6	tonnes CO ₂ e
Scope 3 emissions – Category 3	1,834.4	tonnes CO ₂ e
Scope 3 emissions – Category 4	11,822.8	tonnes CO ₂ e
Scope 3 emissions – Category 6	4,959.9	tonnes CO ₂ e
Emission intensity in relation to scope 1, scope 2 and scope 3 (categories 3,4,6) only**	27.2	tonnes CO ₂ e £million revenue
Energy consumption	77,194.3	MWh

** The Selected Information subject to our assurance includes an emission intensity factor of 27.2 tonnes CO₂e/ £ million revenue, being scope 1, scope 2 (market based) and the selected scope 3 categories (3, 4, 6) in the table above. The total disclosed GHG intensity factor in the Annual Report of 394.6 tonnes CO₂e/ £ million revenue includes further scope 3 categories, which were not subject to our assurance.

The Applicable Criteria defined by Spectris PLC, the nature of the Selected Information, and absence of consistent external standards allow for different, but acceptable, measurement methodologies to be adopted which may result in variances between entities. The adopted measurement methodologies may also impact comparability of the Selected Information reported by different organisations and from year to year within an organisation as methodologies develop.

In relation to the Selected Information, as listed in the above table, the Selected Information needs to be read and understood together with the Applicable Criteria set out set out in within the Basis of Reporting prepared and published by Spectris PLC at www.spectris.com/environment.

Inherent limitations of the Selected Information

We obtained limited assurance over the preparation of the Selected Information in accordance with the Applicable Criteria. Inherent limitations exist in all assurance engagements.

Any internal control structure, no matter how effective, cannot eliminate the possibility that fraud, errors or irregularities may occur and remain undetected and because we use selective testing in our engagement, we cannot guarantee that errors or irregularities, if present, will be detected.

The self-defined Basis of Reporting, the nature of the Selected Information, and absence of consistent external standards allow for different, but acceptable, measurement methodologies to be adopted which may result in variances between entities. The adopted measurement methodologies may also impact comparability of the Selected Information reported by different organisations and from year to year within an organisation as methodologies develop.

Directors' responsibilities

The Directors are responsible for preparing an Annual Report which complies with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and for being satisfied that the Annual Report, taken as a whole, is fair, balanced and understandable. The Directors are also responsible for:

- Selecting and establishing the Applicable Criteria.
- Preparing, measuring, presenting and reporting the Selected Information in accordance with the Applicable Criteria.
- Publishing the Applicable Criteria publicly in advance of, or at the same time as, the publication of the Selected Information
- Designing, implementing, and maintaining internal processes and controls over information relevant to the preparation of the Selected Information to ensure that they are free from material misstatement, including whether due to fraud or error.
- Providing sufficient access and making available all necessary records, correspondence, information and explanations to allow the successful completion of the Services.

Our responsibilities

We are responsible for:

- Planning and performing procedures to obtain sufficient appropriate evidence in order to express an independent limited assurance conclusion on the Selected Information.
- Communicating matters that may be relevant to the Selected Information to the appropriate party including identified or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations, fraud or suspected fraud, and bias in the preparation of the Selected Information.
- Reporting our conclusion in the form of an independent limited Assurance Report to the Directors.

Our independence and competence

In conducting our engagement, we complied with the independence requirements of the FRC's Ethical Standard and the ICAEW Code of Ethics. The ICAEW Code is founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour.

We applied the International Standard on Quality Control (UK) 1 ("ISQC (UK) 1"), issued by the Financial Reporting Council. Accordingly, we maintained a comprehensive system of quality including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

What we did: key procedures

We are required to plan and perform our work to address the areas where we have identified that a material misstatement of the description of activities undertaken in respect of the Selected Information is likely to arise. The procedures we performed were based on our professional judgment. In carrying out our limited assurance engagement on the description of activities undertaken in respect of the Selected Information, we performed the following procedures:

- Performed analytical review procedures and considered the risks of material misstatement of the Selected Information.
- Through inquiries with management, obtained an understanding of the Company, its environment, processes and information systems relevant to the preparation of the selected information sufficient to identify and assess risks of material misstatement in the selected information, and provided a basis for designing and performing procedures to respond to assessed risks and to obtain limited assurance to support a conclusion.
- Through inquiries with management, obtained an understanding of internal controls relevant to the selected information, the quantification process and data used in preparing the selected information, the methodology for gathering qualitative information, and the process for preparing and reporting the selected information. We did not evaluate the design of particular internal control activities, obtain evidence about their implementation or test their operating effectiveness.
- Through inquiries of management, documented whether an external expert has been used in the preparation of the Selected Information, then evaluated the competence, capabilities and objectivity of that expert in the context of the work performed and also the appropriateness of that work as evidence.
- Inspected documents relating to the Selected Information, including board committee minutes and where applicable internal audit outputs to understand the level of management awareness and oversight of the Selected Information.
- Performed procedures over the activities of significant third parties that perform key controls relevant to the Selected Information.
- Performed procedures over the Selected Information, including recalculation of relevant formulae used in manual calculations and assessment whether the data has been appropriately consolidated.
- Performed procedures over underlying data on a statistical sample basis to assess whether the data has been collected and reported in accordance with the Applicable Criteria, including verifying to source documentation.
- Performed procedures over the Selected Information including assessing management's assumptions and estimates.
- Accumulated misstatements and control deficiencies identified, assessing whether material.

- Read the narrative accompanying the Selected Information with regard to the Applicable Criteria, and for consistency with our findings.

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.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Directors of Spectris PLC in accordance with ISAE 3000 (Revised) and ISAE 3410 and our agreed terms of engagement. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Directors of Spectris PLC those matters we have agreed to state to them in this report and for no other purpose.

Without assuming or accepting any responsibility or liability in respect of this report to any party other than Spectris PLC and the Directors of Spectris PLC, we acknowledge that the Directors of Spectris PLC may choose to make this report publicly available for others wishing to have access to it, which does not and will not affect or extend for any purpose or on any basis our responsibilities. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Spectris PLC and the Directors of Spectris PLC as a body, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusions we have formed.

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