



ASSURANCE STATEMENT

SGS TAIWAN LTD.'S REPORT ON SUSTAINABILITY ACTIVITIES IN THE CHUNGHWA TELECOM CO., LTD.'S CORPORATE ESG REPORT FOR 2020

NATURE AND SCOPE OF THE ASSURANCE/VERIFICATION

SGS Taiwan Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as SGS) was commissioned by CHUNGHWA TELECOM CO., LTD. (hereinafter referred to as CHT) to conduct an independent assurance of the Corporate ESG Report for 2020 (hereinafter referred to as the Report). The scope of the assurance, based on the SGS Sustainability Report Assurance methodology, included the sampled text, and data in accompanying tables, contained in the report presented during on-site verification (2021/04/20~2021/05/19). SGS reserves the right to update the assurance statement from time to time depending on the level of report content discrepancy of the published version from the agreed standards requirements.

INTENDED USERS OF THIS ASSURANCE STATEMENT

This Assurance Statement is provided with the intention of informing all CHT's Stakeholders.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The information in the CHT's Corporate ESG Report of 2020 and its presentation are the responsibility of the directors or governing body (as applicable) and the management of CHT. SGS has not been involved in the preparation of any of the material included in the Report.

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the text, data, graphs and statements within the scope of verification with the intention to inform all CHT's stakeholders.

ASSURANCE STANDARDS, TYPE AND LEVEL OF ASSURANCE

The SGS ESG & Sustainability Report Assurance protocols used to conduct assurance are based upon internationally recognized assurance guidance, including the Principles contained within the Global Reporting Initiative Sustainability Reporting Standards (GRI Standards) 101: Foundation 2016 for report quality, and the guidance on levels of assurance contained within the AA1000 series of standards and guidance for Assurance Providers.

The assurance of this report has been conducted according to the following Assurance Standards:

Assurance Standard Options		Level of Assurance
A	SGS ESG & SRA Assurance Protocols (based on GRI Principles and guidance in AA1000)	n/a
B	AA1000AS v3 Type 2 (AA1000AP Evaluation plus evaluation of Specified Performance Information)	High

Assurance has been conducted at a high level of scrutiny.

SCOPE OF ASSURANCE AND REPORTING CRITERIA

The scope of the assurance included evaluation of quality, accuracy and reliability of specified performance information as detailed below and evaluation of adherence to the following reporting criteria:

Reporting Criteria Options	
1	GRI Standards (Core)
2	AA1000 Accountability Principles (2018)
3	SASB -Technology & Communications Sector- Telecommunication Services Industry Standard Version 2018 10
4	IIRC International <IR> Framework (Chinese version 2013)

- evaluation of content veracity of the sustainability performance information based on the materiality determination at a high level of scrutiny for CHT and moderate level of scrutiny for subsidiaries, joint ventures, and applicable aspect boundaries outside of the organization covered by this report;
- AA1000 Assurance Standard v3 Type 2 evaluation of the report content and supporting management systems against the AA1000 Accountability Principles (2018);
- evaluation of the report against the requirements of Global Reporting Initiative Sustainability Reporting Standards (100, 200, 300 and 400 series) claimed in the GRI content index as material and in accordance with; and
- evaluation of the report against the IIRC International <IR> Framework (Chinese version 2013) requirements for content elements.

ASSURANCE METHODOLOGY

The assurance comprised a combination of pre-assurance research, interviews with relevant employees, superintendents, CSR committee members and the senior management in Taiwan; documentation and record review and validation with external bodies and/or stakeholders where relevant.

LIMITATIONS AND MITIGATION

Financial data drawn directly from independently audited financial accounts and Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) has not been checked back to source as part of this assurance process.

STATEMENT OF INDEPENDENCE AND COMPETENCE

The SGS Group of companies is the world leader in inspection, testing and verification, operating in more than 140 countries and providing services including management systems and service certification; quality, environmental, social and ethical auditing and training; environmental, social and sustainability report assurance. SGS affirm our independence from CHT, being free from bias and conflicts of interest with the organisation, its subsidiaries and stakeholders.

The assurance team was assembled based on their knowledge, experience and qualifications for this assignment, and comprised auditors registered with ISO 26000, ISO 20121, ISO 50001, SA8000, RBA, QMS, EMS, SMS, GPMS, CFP, WFP, GHG Verification and GHG Validation Lead Auditors and experience on the SRA Assurance service provisions.

VERIFICATION/ ASSURANCE OPINION

On the basis of the methodology described and the verification work performed, we are satisfied that the specified performance information included in the scope of assurance is accurate, reliable, has been fairly stated and has been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the reporting criteria.

We believe that the organisation has chosen an appropriate level of assurance for this stage in their reporting.

AA1000 ACCOUNTABILITY PRINCIPLES (2018) CONCLUSIONS, FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Inclusivity

CHT has demonstrated a good commitment to stakeholder inclusivity and stakeholder engagement. A variety of engagement efforts such as survey and communication to employees, customers, investors, suppliers, CSR experts, and other stakeholders are implemented to underpin the organization's understanding of stakeholder concerns. For future reporting, CHT may proactively consider having more direct two-ways involvement of stakeholders during future engagement.

Materiality

CHT has established effective processes for determining issues that are material to the business. Formal review has identified stakeholders and those issues that are material to each group and the report addresses these at an appropriate level to reflect their importance and priority to these stakeholders.

Responsiveness

The report includes coverage given to stakeholder engagement and channels for stakeholder feedback. CHT has responded in a way that address the needs, concerns and expectations of stakeholders.

Impact

CHT has demonstrated a process on identify and fairly represented impacts that encompass a range of environmental, social and governance topics from wide range of sources, such as activities, policies, programs, decisions and products and services, as well as any related performance.

GLOBAL REPORTING INITIATIVE REPORTING STANDARDS CONCLUSIONS, FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The report, CHT's Corporate ESG Report of 2020, is adequately in line with the GRI Standards in accordance with Core Option. The material topics and their boundaries within and outside of the organization are properly defined in accordance with GRI's Reporting Principles for Defining Report Content. Disclosures of identified material topics and boundaries, and stakeholder engagement, GRI 102-40 to GRI 102-47, are correctly located in content index and report. For future reporting, it is recommended CHT to align the selected SDGs' targets with its selected material topics on what efforts has been made and performance of where is possible with qualitative and quantitative of the result.

SASB CONCLUSIONS, FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

CHT adopted SASB's TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR- TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES INDUSTRY STANDARD, VERSION 2018-10 to communicate their sustainability accounting performance to their investors. CHT has determined which disclosure topics and associate metrics are financially material to its business and has responded in an appropriate manner in the content index. By using both GRI and SASB standards together, the efficiency of communication and the identification of material issues are substantially increased during the whole reporting preparation process.

Signed:

For and on behalf of SGS Taiwan Ltd.



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