

Independent limited assurance report on sustainability information

To the Board of Directors of DBS Group Holdings Ltd

We have been engaged by DBS Group Holdings Ltd (DBS) to undertake a limited assurance engagement in respect of the selected sustainability information from the 2017 Sustainability Report of DBS described below for the year ended 31 December 2017 (the "Identified Sustainability Information").

Identified Sustainability Information

The Identified Sustainability Information for the year ended 31 December 2017 is set out below:

- GRI 102-8: Information on employees and other workers
- GRI 102-9: Supply chain
- GRI 102-41: Collective bargaining agreements
- GRI 201-1: Direct economic value generated and distributed
- GRI 205-2: Communication and training about anti-corruption policies and procedures
- GRI 302-1: Energy consumption within the organisation
- GRI 303-1: Water withdrawal by source
- GRI 305-2: Energy indirect (Scope 2) GHG emissions
- GRI 305-3: Other indirect (Scope 3) GHG emissions
- GRI 305-4: GHG emissions intensity
- GRI 305-5: Reduction of GHG emissions
- GRI 306-2: Waste by type and disposal method
- GRI 308-1: New suppliers that were screened using environmental criteria
- GRI 401-1: New employee hires and employee turnover
- GRI 404-1: Average hours of training per year per employee
- GRI 404-3: Percentage of employees receiving regular performance and career development reviews
- GRI 405-1: Diversity of governance bodies and employees
- GRI 414-1: New suppliers that were screened using social criteria

Our assurance engagement was with respect to the year ended 31 December 2017. We have not performed any procedures with respect to (i) earlier periods; and (ii) any other elements included in the 2017 Sustainability Report of DBS, and in the annual report, website and other publications, and therefore do not express any conclusion thereon.

Reporting Criteria

The Identified Sustainability Information has been assessed against the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Sustainability Reporting Standards (the "Reporting Criteria").

Management's Responsibility for the Identified Sustainability Information

Management of DBS is responsible for the preparation of the Identified Sustainability Information in accordance with the Reporting Criteria. This responsibility includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation of the Identified Sustainability Information that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Our Independence and Quality Control

We have complied with the independence and other ethical requirements of the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics for Public Accountants and Accounting Entities (ACRA Code), which is founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour.

Our firm applies Singapore 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 Information based on the procedures we have performed and the evidence we have obtained. We performed our limited assurance engagement in accordance with Singapore Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 (Revised) – Assurance Engagements other than Audits and Reviews of Historical Financial Information (the “Standard”). This Standard requires that we plan and perform our work to form the conclusion about whether the Identified Sustainability Information is free from material misstatement. The extent of our procedures depends on our professional judgement and our assessment of the engagement risk.

A limited assurance engagement involves assessing the suitability in the circumstances of DBS’s use of the Reporting Criteria as the basis for the preparation of the Identified Sustainability Information, assessing the risks of material misstatement of the Identified Sustainability Information whether due to fraud or error, responding to the assessed risks as necessary in the circumstances, and evaluating the overall presentation of the Identified Sustainability Information.

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, in relation to both the risk assessment procedures, including an understanding of internal control, and the procedures performed in response to the assessed risks. Consequently, the level of assurance in a limited assurance engagement is substantially lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had a reasonable assurance engagement been performed. Accordingly, we do not express a reasonable assurance opinion about whether DBS’s Identified Sustainability Information has been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Reporting Criteria.

The procedures selected included inquiries, observation of processes performed, inspection of documents, analytical procedures, evaluating the appropriateness of quantification methods and reporting policies, and agreeing or reconciling with underlying records. Given the circumstances of the engagement, we also performed the following:

- interviewed management and personnel in Group Finance, Group Procurement Services, Group Human Resources, Group Compliance and Corporate Real Estate Strategy and Administration in relation to the Identified Sustainability Information;
- obtained an understanding of how the Identified Sustainability Information is gathered, collated and aggregated internally;
- performed limited substantive testing, on a selective basis, of the Identified Sustainability Information (i) to verify the assumptions, estimations and computations made in relation to the Identified Sustainability Information; and (ii) to check that data had been appropriately measured, recorded, collated and reported, to the extent we considered necessary and appropriate to provide sufficient evidence for our conclusion; and
- assessed the disclosure and presentation of the Identified Sustainability Information.

In designing these procedures, we considered the system of internal controls in relation to the Identified Sustainability Information and reliance has been placed on internal controls where appropriate. Because of the inherent limitations in any accounting and internal control system, errors and irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected.

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 the Identified Sustainability Information for the financial year ended 31 December 2017 is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Reporting Criteria.

This report, including our conclusion, has been prepared solely for DBS in accordance with the agreement between us. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than DBS for our work or this report.

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Yours faithfully

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