

Independent Assurance Statement to AptarGroup

ERM Certification and Verification Services (ERM CVS) was engaged by AptarGroup to provide limited assurance in relation to specified 2014 environmental data in its 2014 GRI Index as set out below.

Engagement Summary	
Scope of our assurance engagement	Whether the corporate 2014 data for the following selected indicators are fairly presented, in all material respects, in accordance with the reporting criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Electricity (MWh)• Natural gas (KWh)• Fuel oils (Gallons)
Reporting criteria	The WBCSD/WRI GHG Protocol Corporate Standard (GHG protocol).
Assurance Standard	ERM CVS' assurance methodology, based on the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE 3000).
Assurance level	Limited assurance.
Respective responsibilities	AptarGroup is responsible for preparing the data and for its correct presentation in reports to third parties, including disclosure of the reporting criteria and boundary. ERM CVS's responsibility is to provide conclusions on the agreed scope based on the assurance activities performed and exercising our professional judgement.

Our conclusions

Based on our activities, nothing has come to our attention to indicate that the corporate 2014 data for the selected indicators listed under 'scope' above and reported within Indicator EN3 of the 2014 GRI Index of AptarGroup [\[Link\]](#) are not fairly presented, in all material respects, with the reporting criteria.

Our assurance activities

We planned and performed our work to obtain all the information and explanations that we believe were necessary to provide a basis for our assurance conclusions. A multi-disciplinary team of EHS and assurance specialists performed the following activities:

- Interviews with relevant staff to understand and evaluate the data management systems and processes (including IT systems and internal review processes) used for collecting and reporting the selected data.
- Visits to three sites (Cary Campus, US, Cajamar, Brazil, Freyung, Germany) and one remote site visit (Suzhou, China) to review local reporting processes and consistency of reported annual data with selected underlying source data for each indicator. We interviewed relevant staff, reviewed site data capture and reporting methods, checked calculations and assessed the local internal quality and assurance processes.
- An analytical review of the data from all sites and a check on the completeness and accuracy of the corporate data consolidation.

The limitations of our engagement

The reliability of the assured data is subject to inherent uncertainties, given the available methods for determining, calculating or estimating the underlying information. It is important to understand our assurance conclusions in this context.

Our Observations

We have provided AptarGroup with a separate management report. Without affecting the conclusions presented above, we have the following observations:

While recognising this is the first year of data assurance, we recommend attention is given during 2015 to:

- developing a global reporting manual with indicator definitions, methodologies, and consolidation boundaries which are sufficiently detailed to produce accurate, complete and consistent data across all sites and over time;
- training all key site staff on data quality and reporting.



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