

## INTEGRATED APPROACH TO SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

## Independent Assurance Statement to Reliance Industries Limited on select Non-financial Sustainability Disclosures in the Integrated Annual Report for FY 2022-23

### Introduction

We, ('KPMG Assurance and Consulting Services LLP', or 'KPMG', or 'the Firm') have been engaged by Reliance Industries Ltd ('RIL' or 'the Company') for the purpose of providing an independent assurance on the select non-financial sustainability disclosures presented in the Integrated Annual Report 2022-23 ('the Report') of the Company for the period covering 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023 ('the Year' or 'the Reporting Period') as described in the 'scope, boundary, and limitations' below.

### Company's Responsibilities

The management at the Company is responsible for preparing the Integrated Annual Report 2022-23 that is free from any material misstatement in accordance with the reporting criteria stated in the Report (Integrated Reporting <IR> Framework and GRI Standards 2021) and for the information contained therein. The management at the Company is also responsible for preparing the designed Integrated Annual Report 2022-23. The Company's responsibilities include designing, implementing, and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and presentation of the Report that is free from any material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. It also includes conducting the materiality assessment process to identify material topics relevant for the Company based on the responses of the internal and external stakeholders. The Company ensures that it complies with the reporting criteria and local regulations. It designs, implements, and effectively operates controls to achieve the stated control objectives; selects and applies policies; makes judgments and estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances;

and maintains adequate records in relation to the Report. The Company is also responsible for preventing and detecting fraud and for identifying and ensuring compliance with laws and regulations applicable to its activities. The Company is responsible for ensuring that the Company's staff involved with the preparation of the Report are properly trained, systems are properly updated and that any changes in reporting encompass all significant operational sites.

### Our Responsibilities

Our responsibility is to examine the Report prepared by the Company and to report thereon on the select non-financial sustainability disclosures in the form of an independent assurance conclusion based on the evidence obtained. We conducted our engagement in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000 (Revised), Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. That standard requires that we plan and perform our procedures to obtain a meaningful level of assurance about whether the select non-financial sustainability disclosures in the Report comply with the reporting standards in all material respects, as the basis for our assurance conclusions.

The Firm applies International Standard on Quality Management 1, which requires the Firm to design, implement and operate a system of quality management including policies or procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements. We have complied with the independence and other ethical requirements of the International Ethics Standards Board

for Accountants' International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (IESBA Code), which is founded on the fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality, and professional behaviour. The assurance procedures selected depend on our understanding of the Report of the Company and other engagement circumstances, and our consideration of the areas where material misstatements are likely to arise.

In obtaining an understanding of the Report and other engagement circumstances, we have considered the process used to prepare the Report in order to design assurance procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing a conclusion as to the effectiveness of the Company's process or internal controls over the preparation and presentation of the Report.

Our engagement also included: assessing the appropriateness of the select non-financial sustainability disclosures and the suitability of the criteria used by the Company, evaluating the appropriateness of the methods, policies and procedures, and models used, and the reasonableness of estimates made by the Company in the context of the select non-financial sustainability disclosures in the Report. 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.

As part of this engagement, we have not performed any procedures by way of audit, review or verification of the financial disclosures nor of the underlying records or other sources from which the financial statements and information was extracted.

### Assurance Procedures

Our assurance process involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the reliability of the specified disclosures. The nature, timing and extent of procedures selected depend on our judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the select non-financial sustainability disclosures whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we have considered internal controls relevant to the preparation of the Report to design assurance procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances.

These procedures included, interactions with relevant officials to understand their sustainability vision; interaction with the Company's sustainability team to understand the translation of the Board of Directors' vision into action; an assessment of the Company's existing systems used for data collection and reporting relevant for fair presentation of the Company's sustainability disclosures; review of the Company's approach for stakeholder engagement and materiality assessment; testing, on a sample basis, of evidence supporting the data; evaluating the appropriateness of the quantification methods used to arrive at the non-financial sustainability disclosures presented in the Report 2022-23; understanding the appropriateness of various assumptions, estimations and materiality thresholds used by the Company for data analysis;

assessment of the consistency between the data for the selected sustainability performance indicators and the related written comments in the narrative of the Report 2022-23; interactions with staff responsible for data collection, collation and reporting; preparation of observation letter based on review and classification of findings for potential risk to sustainability framework; and discussion of the observations and findings with the sustainability team.

### Scope, Boundary, and Limitations

The scope of assurance covers the select non-financial sustainability data related to the disclosures based on the reference reporting criteria, as mentioned below:

- The boundary of our assurance covers the select non-financial sustainability disclosures of RIL's manufacturing divisions, refineries, exploration and production in India; business divisions namely chemicals, fibre intermediates, petroleum, polyester, polymers, Recron and RP Chemicals units in Malaysia, petro-retail division facilities under Reliance BP Mobility Limited (RBML), terminal operations, LPG, Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited (RJIL), Reliance Retail Ventures Limited (RRVL), and corporate office at Reliance Corporate Park, Navi Mumbai.
- The reporting period for all the above business units except Recron and RP Chemicals, Malaysia was from 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. The reporting period for Recron and RP Chemicals, Malaysia was from 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022.

- The scope of reasonable assurance included total number of employees, employee turnover, new employee hires, diversity of governance bodies and employees, parental leave and total manhours of training for Reliance Group. The sustainability data for RIL covered under reasonable assurance were total energy consumption, reduction in energy consumption, renewable energy generated, direct (scope 1) GHG emissions and energy indirect (scope 2) GHG emissions, quantity of flared and vented hydrocarbons, emissions of total particulate matter, oxides of nitrogen, oxides of sulphur, and volatile organic compounds (VOC), water withdrawal, waste water discharged, water recycled, hazardous and non-hazardous waste disposed, hazardous and non-hazardous waste diverted from disposal, and Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate (LTIFR). For Recron Malaysia and RP Chemicals Malaysia, the performance data namely total energy consumption, direct (scope 1) GHG emissions, energy indirect (scope 2) GHG emissions, emissions of total particulate matter, oxides of nitrogen, oxides of sulphur, water withdrawal, wastewater discharged, water recycled, hazardous and non-hazardous waste disposed, hazardous and non-hazardous waste diverted from disposal, and LTIFR were covered under reasonable assurance. For the purpose of our assurance, the total energy consumption and GHG emissions data for JMD-PCG has been excluded, accordingly our assurance covers significant majority of the total Scope-1 and Scope-2 GHG emissions as reported. For Reliance Retail Ventures Limited (RRVL), the data on Lost Time

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Injury Frequency Rate (LTIFR) was covered under reasonable assurance.

- Additionally, the data subjected to limited assurance for RIL included, markets served, mechanisms for advice and concerns about ethics, governance structure and chair of the highest governance body. For Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited (RJIL), the sustainability performance data covered under limited assurance were total energy consumption, renewable energy consumption, direct (scope 1) GHG emissions, energy indirect (scope 2) GHG emissions and other indirect (scope 3) GHG emissions (limited to business travel, upstream leased assets, upstream transportation and distribution, capital goods, purchased goods and services, fuel and electricity and waste disposal), hazardous and non-hazardous waste disposed, and Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate (LTIFR).
- Verification of performance data through physical visits and virtual conference meetings with manufacturing units at Barabanki, Dahej, Hazira, Hoshiarpur, Jamnagar DTA, Jamnagar SEZ, Jamnagar C2 complex, Jamnagar Pet Coke Gasification (JMD-PCG) unit, Nagothane, Naroda, Patalganga, Silvassa, Vadodara; Recron Malaysia facilities at Nilai and Melaka; RP Chemicals Malaysia; Petro-retail division facilities under RBML, Terminal Operations and LPG; On-shore and Off-shore exploration and production facilities at Gadimoga and Shahdol; Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited; Reliance Retail Ventures Limited; and Corporate office at Reliance Corporate Park, Navi Mumbai

### Limitations

The assurance scope excludes following:

- Data related to the Company's financial performance.
- Data and information outside the defined Reporting Period FY 22-23.
- Data outside the operations mentioned in the assurance boundary above unless and otherwise specifically mentioned in this assurance report.
- The Company's statements that describe expression of opinion, claims, belief, aspiration, expectation, aim to future intention provided by the Company and assertions related to Intellectual Property Rights and other competitive issues.
- Strategy and other related linkages expressed in the Report.
- Mapping of the Report with reporting frameworks other than those mentioned in reporting criteria above.
- Aspects of the Report other than those mentioned under the scope and boundary above.
- Performance of any management function or making any decision relating to the services provided by us in the terms of this report. The Company is responsible for making management decisions, including accepting responsibility for the results of our services.
- Review of legal compliances.

Our scope and associated responsibility exclude for the avoidance of doubt, any form of

review of the commercial merits, technical feasibility, accuracy, compliance with applicable legislation for the project, and accordingly we express no opinion thereon. We have also not verified any of the judgments and commercial risks associated with the Report, nor comment upon the possibility of any financial projections being achieved. We have relied on the data furnished by the Company and have not verified the efficacy and reliability of the Company's information technology systems, technology tools / platforms or data management systems.

### Conclusion

Our conclusion has been formed on the basis of, and is subject to, the matters outlined in this report. We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our conclusion.

Based on the procedures performed and evidence obtained, in our opinion the select non-financial sustainability disclosures in the Report subjected to reasonable assurance procedures as defined under the scope of assurance, are fairly presented in all material respects, based on the GRI Standards.

Based on the procedures performed and evidence obtained, for the select non-financial sustainability disclosures in the Report subjected to limited assurance procedures as defined under the scope of assurance, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the select non-financial sustainability disclosures are not fairly presented in all material respects based on the GRI Standards.

### Independence

The assurance was conducted by a multidisciplinary team including professionals with suitable skills and experience in auditing environmental, social and economic information in line with the requirements of ISAE 3000 (Revised) standard. Our work was performed in compliance with the requirements of the IFAC Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, which requires, among other requirements, that the members of the assurance team (practitioners) be independent of the assurance client, in relation to the scope of this assurance engagement, including not being involved in writing the Report. The Code also includes detailed requirements for practitioners regarding integrity, objectivity, professional competence

and due care, confidentiality, and professional behaviour. KPMG has systems and processes in place to monitor compliance with the Code and to prevent conflicts regarding independence. The firm applies ISQM 1 and the practitioner complies with the applicable independence and other ethical requirements of the IESBA code.

### Restriction on Use of Our Report

Our report should not be regarded as suitable to be used or relied on by any party wishing to acquire rights against us other than the Company for any purpose or in any context. Any party other than the Company who obtains access to our report or a copy thereof and chooses to rely on our report (or any part thereof) will do so

at its own risk. We accept or assume no responsibility and deny any liability to any party other than the Company for our work, for this independent assurance report, or for the conclusion we have reached.

Our report is released to the Company on the basis that it shall not be copied, referred to or disclosed, in whole (save for the Company's own internal purposes) or in part, without our prior written consent.



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