

## **LRQA Independent Assurance Statement**

# Relating to NISSIN FOODS HOLDINGS CO., LTD.'s Environmental Data for the calendar year 2023

This Assurance Statement has been prepared for NISSIN FOODS HOLDINGS CO., LTD. in accordance with our contract.

#### **Terms of Engagement**

LRQA was commissioned by NISSIN FOODS HOLDINGS CO., LTD. ("the Company") to provide independent assurance on its environmental data disclosed in Sustainability page of its corporate website ("the report") for the calendar year 2023 (from 1 January to 31 December 2023), against the assurance criteria below to a limited level of assurance and at the materiality of the professional judgement of the verifier using ISAE3000 (Revised) and ISO 14064-3:2019 for Greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions.

Our assurance engagement covered the operations and activities relating the manufacturing plants and offices of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries in Japan and overseas and specifically the following requirements: 12

- Verifying conformance with the Company's reporting methodologies and RE100 Technical Criteria for the selected dataset;
- Evaluating the accuracy and reliability of data for the selected environmental datasets listed below:<sup>3</sup>
  - Scope 1 and Scope 2 CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (Market-based and Location-based) (tCO<sub>2</sub>) <sup>4 5</sup>
  - Scope 3 GHG emissions, Categories 1~7, 9, 11, and 12 (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)<sup>6</sup>
  - Total volume of water consumption (municipal and underground sources) (m<sup>3</sup>)<sup>7</sup>
  - Total waste generated, amount of food waste generated, amount of landfill volume and amount of Incinerated (tonnes)<sup>7</sup>

LRQA's responsibility is only to the Company. LRQA disclaims any liability or responsibility to others as explained in the end footnote. The Company's responsibility is for collecting, aggregating, analysing and presenting all the data and information within the report and for maintaining effective internal controls over the systems from which the report is derived. Ultimately, the report has been approved by, and remains the responsibility of the Company.

### **LRQA's Opinion**

Based on LRQA's approach nothing has come to our attention that would cause us to believe the Company has not, in all material respects:

- Met the requirements above
- Disclosed accurate and reliable environmental data as summarised in Table 1 and 2 below.

The opinion expressed is formed on the bases of a limited level of assurance<sup>8</sup> and at the materiality of the professional judgement of the verifier.

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  AJINIHON, KOIKE-YA Inc. and Koikeya Vietnam Co., Ltd. which have substantial control, are included in the boundary.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In the case of a manufacturing plant of NISSIN FOODS, if the logistics warehouse (NISSIN ENTERBRISE) is located within the manufacturing plant and it is difficult to separate between the plant and the warehouse, NISSIN ENTERBRISE shall be also included in the scope.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> GHG quantification is subject to inherent uncertainty.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Manufacturing factories including domestic and overseas group companies, NISSIN FOODS HD (Tokyo Head Office, Osaka Head Office, the WAVE), and MYOJO Research Laboratory.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Non-energy-origin GHG emissions (non- CO<sub>2</sub>) are excluded. Gasoline and diesel oil used in sales and company vehicles were excluded.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The Scope 3 GHG emissions associated with categories 8, 10, 13, 14 and 15 were excluded since the Company has no relevant business activities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> This scope only covers the manufacturing plants of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries in Japan and overseas.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> The extent of evidence-gathering for a limited assurance engagement is less than for a reasonable assurance engagement. Limited assurance engagements focus on aggregated data rather than physically checking source data at sites. Consequently, the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had a reasonable assurance engagement been performed.



Table 1. Summary of NISSIN FOODS HOLDINGS CO., LTD.'s environmental data for the Calendar Year 2023

Scope			
CO <sub>2</sub> emissions	Scope 1	287	ktCO <sub>2</sub>
	Scope 2 (Market-based)	101	ktCO <sub>2</sub>
	Scope 2 (Location-based)	198	ktCO <sub>2</sub>
Total energy consumption		2,096,794	MWh
	Non-renewable energy	1,818,740	MWh
	Renewable energy	278,054	MWh
Total waste generated		118.6	kilo-tonnes
Amount of food waste generated		69.4	kilo-tonnes
Amount of landfill volume		5.3	kilo-tonnes
Amour	t of Incinerated	6.4	kilo-tonnes
Total volume of water consumption		695.3	kilo-m³
City water		194.7	kilo-m³
Underground water		501.6	kilo-m³

Table 2. Summary of NISSIN FOODS HOLDINGS CO., LTD.'s Scope 3 GHG emissions for the Calendar Year 2023

Categories	ktCO₂e	
1. Purchased goods & services	2,565	
2. Capital goods	135	
3. Fuel- and energy-related activities	97	
4. Upstream transportation & distribution	413	
5. Waste generated in operations	16	
6. Business travel	12	
7. Employee commuting	13	
8. Upstream leased assets	<i>Not applicab</i> le	
9. Downstream transportation & distribution	223	
10. Processing of sold products	Not applicable	
11. Use of sold products	313	
12. End of life treatment of sold products	126	
13. Downstream leased assets	Not applicable	
14. Franchises	Not applicable	
15. Investments	Not applicable	
Total	3,914	

#### Notes

- 1. Partner companies calculate only Category 1.
- 2. NISSIN FOODS HD the WAVE calculates only Categories1~7.
- 3. NISSIN FOODS HD Tokyo headquarters and Osaka headquarters calculate only Categories 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7.
- Sales offices (NISSIN FOOD PRODUCTS, MYOJO FOODS, NISSIN FROZEN FOODS, NISSIN CISCO) calculate only Categories 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7.
- 5. Sales offices (NISSIN CHILLED FOODS, NISSIN YORK, and BonChi) calculate only Categories 1, 2, 6, and 7.
- 6. Overseas offices calculate only Categories 2, 6, and 7.
- 7. For data on domestic container and packaging disposal in category 12, the data are for the year 2022 (1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023).

#### LRQA's Approach

LRQA's assurance engagements are carried out in accordance with ISAE3000 (Revised) and ISO 14064-3:2019 for GHG emissions. The following tasks were undertaken as part of the evidence gathering process for this assurance engagement:



- Auditing the Company's data management systems to confirm that there were no significant errors, omissions
  or mis-statements in the report. We did this by reviewing the effectiveness of data handling procedures,
  instructions and systems, including those for internal verification;
- Interviewing with key people responsible for compiling the data and drafting the report;
- Sampling datasets and tracing activity data back to aggregated levels;
- Verifying the historical data and records associated with Scope 1, Scope 2, and Scope 3 GHG emissions, total volume of water consumption, and total waste generated for the calendar year 2022; and
- Visiting Koikeya Co., LTD. Kanto Plant, Kanto Plant 2 and Kanto Plant 3 to confirm the data collection processes, record management practices, and to physically check the equipment and the monitoring devices.
- Interviewing and verification were conducted remotely via emails, telephone, and Microsoft Teams to the head
  office of NISSIN FOODS HOLDINGS CO., LTD. to investigate whether the data management systems have been
  effectively implemented.

#### **Observations**

The Company is expected to further improve the accuracy and reliability of its reports. In particular, we expect the Company to establish a system for collecting detailed information, establish procedures to facilitate the understanding of those in charge of data collection and promote the sharing of information in the overseas office.

#### LRQA's Standards, Competence and Independence

LRQA implements and maintains a comprehensive management system that meets accreditation requirements for ISO 14065 Greenhouse gases – Requirements for greenhouse gas validation and verification bodies for use in accreditation or other forms of recognition and ISO/IEC 17021 Conformity assessment – Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems that are at least as demanding as the requirements of the International Standard on Quality Control 1 and comply with the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants.

LRQA ensures the selection of appropriately qualified individuals based on their qualifications, training and experience. The outcome of all verification and certification assessments is then internally reviewed by senior management to ensure that the approach applied is rigorous and transparent.

This is the only work undertaken by LRQA for the Company and as such does not compromise our independence or impartiality.

Signed

Dated: 11 July 2024

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