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Independent Limited Assurance Statement to JSW Steel Limited on select Sustainability disclosures in the Integrated Report for financial year 2020-21

To
The Management of JSW Steel Limited,
Bandra Kurla Complex, Near MMRDA Grounds, Bandra East,
Mumbai – 400051.

Introduction
We ('KPMG Assurance and Consulting Services LLP', or 'KPMG') have been engaged by JSW Steel Limited ('JSW' or 'the Company') for the purpose of providing an independent limited assurance on the non-financial disclosures presented in the Integrated Report ('the Report') for the reporting period covering 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 ('the Year' of 'the Reporting Period'). Our responsibility was to provide limited assurance on the Report content as described in the scope, boundary and limitations.

Reporting Criteria
The Company applies non-financial performance criteria for developing its report derived from the following:

- The International Integrated Reporting Council's <IR> Framework.
- Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Standards' in accordance – Core option.
- World Steel Association's environmental performance indicator for greenhouse gas emissions.

Assurance Standards Used
We conducted our assurance in accordance with


- Limited Assurance requirements of International Federation of Accountants' (IFAC) International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000 (revised) – Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information, for the environmental and social disclosures in the Report.
 - Under this standard, we have reviewed the information presented in the Report against the characteristics of relevance, completeness, reliability, neutrality and understandability.
 - Limited assurance consists primarily of enquiries and analytical procedures. The procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement vary in nature and timing and are less in extent than for a reasonable assurance engagement.
- 'Limited Assurance' procedures as per International Federation of Accountants' (IFAC) International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3410, Assurance Engagements on Greenhouse Gas Statements, for the GHG emissions data.
 - A limited assurance engagement in accordance with ISAE 3410 involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the quantification of emissions and related information in the GHG Statement.
 - The nature, timing and extent of procedures selected depend on our judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the GHG Statement whether due to fraud or error.

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Scope, Boundary and Limitations

- The scope of assurance covers the assurance on select non-financial sustainability disclosures, based on GRI Standards and World Steel Association, as mentioned in the table below.
- The boundary of the Report covers the following operations in India:
 - JSW Steel Limited's operations at Vijayanagar, Salem, Dolvi, Salav, and mines at Vijayanagar (9 operational mines).
 - JSW Steel Coated Products Limited's (JSW SCPL) operations at Kalmeshwar, Tarapur and Vasind
 - Amba River Coke Limited's (ARCL) operations at Dolvi.
 - JSW Industrial Gases Private Limited's (IGPL) operations at Vijayanagar.
- The review of sustainability performance data was limited to the operational locations as mentioned above.

GRI Standards: Universal Standard	
• Management Approach: 103-1 to 103-3.	
GRI Standards: Topic Specific Standards	
Environmental <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Materials: 301-1, 301-2. Energy: 302-1, 302-2, 302-3, 302-4. Water (2018): 303-4, 303-5. Biodiversity: 304-1, 304-4. Emissions: 305-3*, 305-6, 305-7. Effluents and Waste: 306-1, 306-2. 	Social <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employment: 401-1, 401-2, 401-3. Occupational Health and Safety (2018): 403-9. Training and Education: 404-1. Diversity and Equal Opportunity: 405-1. Local Communities: 413 -1.
World Steel Association: Environmental Performance	
• Greenhouse gas emissions**	

* The data for 305-3 (Scope-3 GHG Emissions) is restricted to inbound transportation (road and rail), outbound transportation (road and rail), waste transportation, business travel and employee commute and business travel (rail and air travel).

** The GHG emissions for the integrated steel operations covers GRI Standards 305-1, 305-2 and 305-4. The quantification of GHG emissions followed the World Steel Association (WSA) CO2 data collection user Guide version 10. The Scope-3 emissions is restricted to upstream emissions or credits related to procurement / delivery of pre-processed materials / by-products from the site.

Limitations

The assurance scope excludes following:

- Data related to Company's financial performance.
- Data and information outside the defined reporting period.
- The Company's statements that describe expression of opinion, belief, aspiration, expectation, aim to future intention provided by the Company and assertions related to Intellectual Property Rights and other competitive issues.
- Data review outside the manufacturing operations as mentioned in the boundary above.
- Strategy and other related linkages expressed in the Report.
- Mapping of the Report with reporting frameworks other than those mentioned in Reporting Criteria above.

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- Aspects of the Report other than those mentioned under the scope above.

Assurance Procedures

Our assurance process involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the reliability of 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 selected 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 in order to design assurance procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances.

Our assurance procedures also included:

- Assessment of JSW Steel Limited's reporting procedures regarding their consistency with the application of GRI Standards.
- Understanding the appropriateness of various assumptions, estimations and materiality thresholds used by the Company for data analysis.
- Evaluating the appropriateness of the quantification methods used to arrive at the sustainability disclosures presented in the Report.
- Review of systems and procedures used for quantification, collation, and analysis of sustainability disclosures included in the Report.
- Discussions with the personnel responsible for the evaluation of competence required to ensure reliability of data and information presented in the Report.
- Assessment of data reliability and accuracy.
- Review of sustainability performance data was carried out remotely through screen sharing tools.

Appropriate documentary evidences were obtained to support our conclusions on the information and data reviewed. Where such documentary evidence could not be collected due to sensitive nature of the information, our team reviewed the same with the relevant authority at respective sites and at corporate office through screen sharing tools.

Conclusions

We have reviewed selected non-financial disclosures in the Integrated Report of JSW Steel Limited for the reporting period from 01st April 2020 to 31st March 2021. Based on our limited review and procedures performed, nothing has come to our attention that causes us not to believe that the sustainability data and information as per the scope of assurance mentioned above, presented in the Report is appropriately stated, in material aspects and in line with the reporting principles of the GRI Standards.

We have provided our observations to the Company in a separate management letter. These, do not, however, affect our conclusions regarding the Report.

Independence

The assurance was conducted by a multidisciplinary team including professionals with suitable skills and experience in auditing environmental, social and economic information as per the requirements of ISAE 3000 (Revised) and ISAE 3410 standards.

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 ISOC-1 and the practitioner complies with the applicable independence and other ethical requirements of the IESBA code.

Responsibilities

JSW Steel Limited is responsible for developing the Report contents. The Company is also responsible for identification of material sustainability topics, establishing and maintaining appropriate performance management and internal control systems and derivation of performance data reported. This statement is made solely to the Management of JSW Steel Limited in accordance with the terms of our engagement and as per scope of assurance. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company those matters for which we have been engaged to state in this statement and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company for our work, for this report, or for the conclusions expressed in this independent assurance statement. The assurance engagement is based on the assumption that the data and information provided to us is complete and true. We expressly disclaim any liability or co-responsibility for any decision a person or entity would make based on this assurance statement. Our report is released to JSW Steel Limited on the basis that it shall not be copied, referred to or disclosed, in whole or in part, without our prior written consent. By reading this assurance statement, stakeholders acknowledge and agree to the limitations and disclaimers mentioned above.

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Date: 27-July-2021