

# **LRQA Independent Assurance Statement**

Relating to Toyota Tsusho Corporation's Social Data within its Integrated Report 2024 for the Fiscal Year 2023

This Assurance Statement has been prepared for Toyota Tsusho Corporation in accordance with our contract.

#### **Terms of Engagement**

LRQA Limited ("LRQA") was commissioned by Toyota Tsusho Corporation ("the Company" abbreviated) to provide independent assurance on its social data within the Integrated Report 2024 for the fiscal year 2023 (from 01/04/2023 to 31/3/2024) ("the report") against the assurance criteria below to a "level of assurance and materiality" using "ISAE 3000 (Revised)".

Our assurance engagement covered the Company's operations and activities relating the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries in Japan and overseas <sup>1</sup> and specifically the following requirements:

- Verifying conformance with the Company's reporting methodologies for the selected datasets:
- Evaluating the accuracy and reliability of data for only the selected indicators listed below:
  - o Number of industrial accidents
  - o Lost time injury frequency rate

Our assurance engagement excluded the data and information of the Company's suppliers, contractors and any third-parties mentioned in the report.

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 that the Company has not, in all material respects:

- Met the requirements of the criteria listed above
- Disclosed accurate and reliable environmental and social data

The opinion expressed is formed on the basis of a limited level of assurance<sup>2</sup> and at the materiality of the professional judgement of the verifier.

#### LRQA's Approach

LRQA's assurance engagements are carried out in accordance with ISAE 3000 (Revised). 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 misstatements in the report. We did this by reviewing the effectiveness of data handling procedures,
  instructions and systems, including those for internal verification.
- Interviewing with those key people responsible for compiling the data and drafting the report.
- Sampling datasets and traced activity data back to aggregated levels;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Number of industrial accidents and Lost time injury frequency rate cover Toyota Tsusho Corporation, its consolidated subsidiaries in Japan and overseas subsidiaries (more than 50% ownership).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</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.



- Verifying the historical environmental and social data and records for the fiscal year 2023; and
- Conducting the remote verification to TOYOTA METAL CO., LTD. for confirming the effectiveness of its data management systems via emails, telephone, and zoom.

#### **Observations**

The process of collecting and aggregating reported values is expected to improve accuracy and comprehensiveness through the establishment of data checking system at sites.

### 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 17021-1 Conformity assessment – Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems – Part1: Requirements 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.

LRQA is the Company's certification body for ISO 14001. The verification and certification assessments are the only work undertaken by LRQA for the Company and as such does not compromise our independence or impartiality.

Signed Dated: 16 June 2024

Ichiro Ueno

**LRQA** Lead Verifier

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