

## INDEPENDENT LIMITED ASSURANCE STATEMENT



To: The Stakeholders of AstraZeneca Plc

### Introduction and objectives of work

Bureau Veritas UK Limited (Bureau Veritas) has been engaged by AstraZeneca Plc (AstraZeneca) to provide limited assurance over selected sustainability information reported in its Sustainability Report 2017. This Assurance Statement applies to the related information included within the scope of work described below.

### Selected Information

The scope of our work was limited to providing assurance over AstraZeneca's statuses against the following commitments, as detailed in the Sustainability Report 2017 ('the Report') for the period 1st of January to the 31st of December 2017 (the 'Selected Information'):

- Disease prevention;
- Health systems development;
- Healthcare reform;
- Environmental safety of our products;
- Protecting natural resources;
- Ethical business conduct;
- Supply chain management;
- Clinical trial transparency;
- Bioethics;
- Workplace health and safety;
- Diversity and inclusion;
- Employee development;
- Human rights; and
- Community investment.

### Limitations and Exclusions

Excluded from the scope of our work is any verification of information relating to:

- Activities outside the defined verification period;
- Positional statements (expressions of opinion, belief, aim or future intention by AstraZeneca) and statements of future commitment; and
- Financial data taken from the Annual Report which are audited by an external financial auditor, including but not limited to any statements relating to production, tax, sales, and financial investments; and
- Other information included in the Report other than scope defined above.

This limited assurance engagement relies on a risk-based selected sample of sustainability data and the associated limitations that this entails. This independent statement should not be relied upon to detect all errors, omissions or misstatements that may exist.

## Responsibilities

The preparation and presentation of the Selected Information in the Report is the sole responsibility of the management of AstraZeneca.

Bureau Veritas was not involved in the drafting of the Report. Our responsibilities were to:

- Obtain limited assurance about whether the Selected Information has been appropriately and accurately prepared;
- Form an independent conclusion based on the assurance procedures performed and evidence obtained; and
- Report our conclusions to the Directors of AstraZeneca.

## Assessment Standard

We performed our work in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000 (Revised), Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information, and in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3410 - 'Assurance Engagements on Greenhouse Gas Statements' ('ISAE 3410'), issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

## Summary of work performed

As part of its independent verification, Bureau Veritas undertook the following activities:

1. Assessed the appropriateness and accuracy of the Selected Information;
2. Conducted interviews with relevant personnel of AstraZeneca;
3. Reviewed the data collection and consolidation processes used to compile the Selected Information, including assessing assumptions made, the data scope and reporting boundaries;
4. Reviewed documentary evidence provided by AstraZeneca;
5. Reperformed a selection of aggregation calculations of the Selected Information;
6. Agreed a selection of the Selected Information to the corresponding source documentation: and
7. Reviewed the current sustainability issues that could affect AstraZeneca and are of interest to stakeholders.

## Conclusion

On the basis of our methodology and the activities described above, nothing has come to our attention to indicate that the Selected Information has not been properly prepared, in all material respects.

## Statement of Independence, Integrity and Competence

Bureau Veritas is an independent professional services company that specialises in quality, environmental, health, safety and social accountability with over 185 years' history. Its assurance team has extensive experience in conducting verification over environmental, social, ethical and health and safety information, systems and processes.

Bureau Veritas operates a certified<sup>1</sup> Quality Management System which complies with the requirements of ISO 9001:2008, and accordingly maintains a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

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<sup>1</sup> Certificate of Registration FS 34143 issued by BSI Assurance UK Limited

Bureau Veritas has implemented and applies a Code of Ethics, which meets the requirements of the International Federation of Inspections Agencies (IFIA)<sup>2</sup> across the business to ensure that its employees maintain integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality, professional behaviour and high ethical standards in their day-to-day business activities.

The assurance team for this work does not have any involvement in any other Bureau Veritas projects with AstraZeneca.

**Bureau Veritas UK Limited**

**London**

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<sup>2</sup> International Federation of Inspection Agencies – Compliance Code – Third Edition