



## Environmental Data Verification Statement

To: The Stakeholders of CVS Health

APEX Companies LLC, (Apex) was engaged to conduct an independent verification of the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reported by CVS Health for calendar year 2020. This Verification Statement applies to the related information included within the scope of work described below.

The determination of the GHG emissions is the sole responsibility of CVS Health. CVS Health is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the GHG statement in accordance with the criteria. Apex's sole responsibility was to provide independent verification on the accuracy of the GHG emissions reported, and on the underlying systems and processes used to collect, analyze and review the information. Apex is responsible for expressing an opinion on the GHG statement based on the verification. Verification activities applied in a limited level of assurance verification are less extensive in nature, timing and extent than in a reasonable level of assurance verification.

### **Boundaries of the reporting company GHG emissions covered by the verification:**

- Operational Control
- Worldwide
- Exclusions include fugitive emissions in Corporate Fleet.

**Types of GHGs:** CO<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O, CH<sub>4</sub>, HFCs, (Kyoto Protocol GHGs)

### **GHG Statement:**

- **Scope 1:** 165,384 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent
- **Scope 2 (Location-Based):** 898,028 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent
- **Scope 2 (Market-Based):** 977,380 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent
- **Scope 3:**
  - Purchased Goods & Services (January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019): 20,258,908 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent
  - Purchased Goods & Services (2020): 9,424,547 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent
  - Fuel & Energy Related Activities (US Only) – Transmission & Distribution Losses: 49,817 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent
  - Business Travel: (Air Travel, Rental Cars, Personal Care Fleet): 24,656 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent

Data and information supporting the Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions statement were historical in nature.

Data and information supporting the Scope 3 GHG emissions statement were in some cases estimated rather than historical in nature.

### **Period covered by GHG emissions verification:**

- January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020



**Criteria against which verification conducted:**

- World Resources Institute (WRI)/World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Protocol Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard (Scope 1 and 2)
- WRI/WBCSD Greenhouse Gas Protocol Corporate Value Chain (Scope 3) Accounting and Reporting Standard (Scope 3)

**Reference Standard:**

- ISO 14064-3 Second Edition 2019-04: Greenhouse gases -- Part 3: Specification with guidance for the verification and validation of greenhouse gas statements

**Level of Assurance and Qualifications:**

- Limited
- This verification used a materiality threshold of 5% for aggregate errors in sampled data for each of the above indicators

**GHG Verification Methodology:**

Evidence-gathering procedures included but were not limited to:

- Interviews with relevant personnel of CVS Health and their consultant;
- Review of documentary evidence produced by CVS Health;
- Review of CVS Health data and information systems and methodology for collection, aggregation, analysis and review of information used to determine GHG emissions; and
- Audit of sample of data used by CVS Health to determine GHG emissions.

**Verification Opinion:**

Based on the process and procedures conducted, there is no evidence that the GHG emissions statement shown above:

- is not materially correct and is not a fair representation of the GHG emissions data and information; and
- has not been prepared in accordance with the WRI/WBCSD GHG Protocol Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard (**Scope 1 and 2**), and WRI/WBCSD Greenhouse Gas Protocol Corporate Value Chain Accounting and Reporting Standard (**Scope 3**)

It is our opinion that CVS Health has established appropriate systems for the collection, aggregation and analysis of quantitative data for determination of these GHG emissions for the stated period and boundaries.



**Statement of independence, impartiality and competence**

Apex is an independent professional services company that specializes in Health, Safety, Social and Environmental management services including assurance with over 30 years history in providing these services.

No member of the verification team has a business relationship with CVS Health, its Directors or Managers beyond that required of this assignment. We conducted this verification independently and to our knowledge there has been no conflict of interest.

Apex has implemented a Code of Ethics across the business to maintain high ethical standards among staff in their day-to-day business activities.

The verification team has extensive experience in conducting assurance over environmental, social, ethical and health and safety information, systems and processes, has over 20 years combined experience in this field and an excellent understanding of Apex's standard methodology for the verification of greenhouse gas emissions data.

**Attestation:**

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Trevor Donaghu', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Trevor Donaghu, Technical Reviewer  
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April 21, 2020

*This verification statement, including the opinion expressed herein, is provided to CVS Health and is solely for the benefit of CVS Health in accordance with the terms of our agreement. We consent to the release of this statement by you to CDP in order to satisfy the terms of CDP disclosure requirements but without accepting or assuming any responsibility or liability on our part to CDP or to any other party who may have access to this statement.*

# INDEPENDENT LIMITED ASSURANCE STATEMENT



**To: The Stakeholders of CVS Health**

## **Introduction and objectives of work**

APEX Companies, LLC (Apex) has been engaged by CVS Health to provide limited assurance of its water usage data. This Assurance Statement applies to the Subject Matter included within the scope of work described below.

## **Scope of work**

The scope of our work was limited to assurance over water usage reported by CVS to CDP for the period January 1 to December 31, 2020 (the 'Subject Matter').

Data and information supporting the water usage data were in some cases estimated rather than historical in nature.

## **Reporting Boundaries**

The reporting boundaries included:

- Operational Control as defined by the World Resources Institute (WRI)/World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) Greenhouse Gas Protocol Corporate Standard.
- CVS and Aetna sites in the US (including Puerto Rico) as well as Aetna sites in 13 countries.
- Sites with no reported usage or bills and no headcount are excluded from the inventory.

## **Reporting Criteria**

The Subject Matter was prepared in accordance with the CVS Health Water Inventory Management Plan for the Reporting Year 2020. CVS Health reports water usage for (potable) water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), cafeterias, integrated fire mitigation systems, and irrigation.

## **Limitations and Exclusions**

Excluded from the scope of our work is any verification of information relating to activities outside the defined verification period.

This limited assurance engagement relies on a risk based selected sample of water data and the associated limitations that this entails. The reliability of the reported data is dependent on the accuracy of metering and other production measurement arrangements employed at site level, not addressed as part of this assurance. 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 Subject Matter in the Report are the sole responsibility of the management of CVS Health.

Apex was not involved in the drafting of the Subject Matter or of the Reporting Criteria. Our responsibilities were to:

- obtain limited assurance about whether the Subject Matter has been prepared in accordance with the Reporting Criteria;
- form an independent conclusion based on the assurance procedures performed and evidence obtained; and
- report our conclusions to the Directors of CVS Health.

## **Assessment Standards**

We performed our work in accordance with Apex's standard procedures and guidelines for external Assurance of Sustainability Reports and International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000 Revised, Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information (effective for assurance reports dated on or after Dec. 15, 2015), issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. A materiality threshold of  $\pm 5$ -percent was set for the assurance process.

## Summary of Work Performed

As part of our independent verification, our work included:

- Assessing the appropriateness of the Reporting Criteria for the Subject Matter;
- Conducting interviews with relevant personnel of CVS Health and their consultant;
- Reviewing the data collection and consolidation processes used to compile Subject Matter, including assessing assumptions made, and the data scope and reporting boundaries;
- Reviewing documentary evidence provided by CVS Health;
- Agreeing a selection of the Subject Matter to the corresponding sourced documentation;
- Reviewing CVS Health systems for quantitative data aggregation and analysis; and
- Assessing the disclosure and presentation of the Subject Matter to ensure consistency with assured information.

## Conclusion

On the basis of our methodology and the activities described above:

- Nothing has come to our attention to indicate that the Subject Matter is not fairly stated in all material respects; and
- It is our opinion that CVS Health has established appropriate systems for the collection, aggregation and analysis of quantitative data associated with water usage.

The total water usage reported by CVS Health within the defined boundary was 5,612 megalitres.

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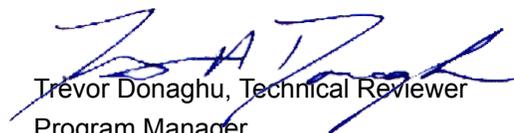
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