



LRQA Independent Assurance Statement

Relating to Central Pattana Public Company Limited's Annual Report (Sustainability part) for the calendar year 2023

This Assurance Statement has been prepared for Central Pattana Public Company Limited's in accordance with our contract but is intended for the readers of this Report.

Terms of engagement

LRQA (Thailand) Ltd. (LRQA) was commissioned by Central Pattana Public Company Limited (CPN) to provide independent assurance on its Annual Report (Sustainability part) 2023 "the report" against the assurance criteria below to a moderate level of assurance and at the materiality of the professional judgement of the verifier using AA1000AS v3. Where the following principles of inclusivity, materiality, responsiveness, impact and reliability of performance data are applied.

Our assurance engagement covered CPN's subsidiaries in Thailand under its operational control only, and specifically the following requirements:

- Confirming that the report is in accordance with:
 - GRI Standards 2021
 - Double Material assessment
- Evaluating the accuracy and reliability of data and information for only the selected indicators listed below: ¹
 - Environmental: (GRI 302-1) Energy consumption, (GRI 302-3) Energy intensity, (GRI 303-3 to 5) Water withdrawal, Water discharge and consumption, (GRI 305-1) Direct (Scope 1), (GRI 305-2) Energy indirect (Scope 2), (GRI 305-3) Other indirect (Scope 3) GHG emissions – Cat. 1 Purchased goods and services, Cat. 5 Waste generated in operations, Cat 6. Business travel, Cat. 9 Downstream transportation and distribution and Cat. 13 Downstream leased assets only, (GRI 305-4) GHG emissions intensity and (GRI 306-3 to 5) Waste generated, diverted from and directed to disposal and food waste.
 - Social: (GRI 403-9 and 10) Types of injury and rates of injury, occupational diseases, lost days, and absenteeism, and number of work-related fatalities for all employees, (GRI 405-2) Ratio of basic salary and remuneration of women to men.

Our assurance engagement excluded the data and information of CPN's subsidiaries where it has no operational control and all its operations and activities outside of Thailand. Our assurance engagement also excluded the data and information of its suppliers and any third-parties mentioned in the report.

LRQA's responsibility is only to CPN. LRQA disclaims any liability or responsibility to others as explained in the end footnote. CPN'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 CPN.

LRQA's Opinion

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

- Met the requirements above
- Disclosed accurate and reliable performance data and information as no errors or omissions were detected
- Covered all the issues that are important to the stakeholders and readers of this report.

The opinion expressed is formed on the basis of a moderate level of assurance and at the materiality of the professional judgement of the verifier.

Note: The extent of evidence-gathering for a moderate assurance engagement is less than for a high assurance engagement. Moderate assurance engagements focus on aggregated data rather than physically checking source data at sites. Consequently, the level of assurance obtained in a moderate assurance engagement is substantially lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had a high assurance engagement been performed.

¹ GHG quantification is subject to inherent uncertainty.



LRQA's approach

LRQA's assurance engagements are carried out in accordance with AA1000AS v3. The following tasks though were undertaken as part of the evidence gathering process for this assurance engagement:

- Assessing CPN's approach to stakeholder engagement to confirm that issues raised by stakeholders were captured correctly. We did this by interviewing CPN's Management who engage directly with stakeholder groups as well as reviewing documents and associated records.
- Reviewing CPN's process for identifying and determining material issues to confirm that the right issues were included in their report. We tested the filters used in determining material issues to evaluate whether CPN makes informed business decisions that may create opportunities which contribute towards sustainable development.
- Auditing CPN'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 process, and systems, including those for internal verification. We also spoke with key people in various departments responsible for compiling the data and drafting the report.
- Sampling of evidence presented at Central Rama 3, Central Westgate, CentralWorld and La Villa to confirm the reliability of the selected topic specific standards.

Observations

Further observations and findings, made during the assurance engagement, are:

- Stakeholder Inclusivity:
We are not aware of any key stakeholder groups that have been excluded from CPN's stakeholder engagement process.
- Impact and Materiality:
We are not aware of any material aspects concerning CPN's sustainability performance that have been excluded from the Report. CPN has processes for determining which issues are material and that these criteria are not biased to the CPN's management.
- Responsiveness:
CPN have processes for responding to the negative impacts including waste and food waste, climate change as well as Human right related.
- Reliability:
CPN has a well-defined data management system to consolidate data and information associated with the selected specific topic standards. Maintaining internal verification processes will continually improve the reliability of its reported data and information.

LRQA's standards, competence and independence

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.

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