

# Independent Limited Assurance Statement to Arvind Limited on their Business Responsibility & Sustainability Report (BRSR) FY2023-24

To the Management of Arvind Limited, Gujarat, India

#### Introduction

Intertek India Private Limited ("Intertek") was engaged by Arvind Limited ("Arvind") to provide an independent limited assurance on its BRSR (Business Responsibility & Sustainability Report) core disclosures for FY2023-24 ("the Report"). The scope of the Report comprises the reporting periods of FY2023-24. The Report is prepared by Arvind based on SEBI's (Securities and Exchange Board of India) BRSR guidelines. The assurance was performed in accordance with the requirements of International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) International Standard on Assurance Engagement (ISAE) 3000 (Revised), Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information.

## Objective

The objectives of this limited assurance exercise were, by review of objective evidence, to confirm whether any evidence existed that the sustainability related disclosures in alignment with BRSR requirements, as declared in the Report, were not accurate, complete, consistent, transparent and free of material error or omission in accordance with the criteria outlined below.

### **Intended Users**

This Assurance Statement is intended to be a part of the Annual Report 2023-24 of Arvind Limited.

# Responsibilities

The management of Arvind is solely responsible for the development of the Report and its presentation. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal controls relevant to the preparation of the Report so that it is free from material misstatement, whether due to error.

Intertek's responsibility, as agreed with the management of Arvind, is to provide assurance and express an opinion on the data and assertions in the Report based on our verification following the assurance scope and criteria given below. Intertek does not accept or assume any responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person or organization. This document represents Intertek's independent and balanced opinion on the content and accuracy of the information and data held within.

#### **Assurance Scope**

The assurance has been provided for BRSR core disclosures with reference to SEBI's "BRSR Core - Framework for assurance and ESG disclosures for value chain" vide circular no. SEBI/HO/CFD/CFD-SEC-2/P/CIR/2023/122 dated 12 July 2023, and few other indicators presented by Arvind in its Report. The assurance boundary included data and information for the Standalone operations of Arvind Limited which includes Ankur, Arsikere Washing, Arsikere-Sewing, BS, Chitradurga, E-city, Intex, Kolhapur, MR, Naroda, Santej, and YP in accordance with SEBI's BRSR guidelines.

Our scope of assurance included verification of internal control systems, data and information on core disclosures reported as summarized in the table below:



- Total scope 1 and scope 2 emissions
- GHG emissions intensity (scope 1 and 2)
- Air emissions other than GHG inventory
- Water consumption, water consumption Intensity and water discharge by destination and levels of treatment
- Total energy consumed, percentage of energy consumed from renewable sources and energy intensity.
- Waste Generation (category wise), Disposal, Recovered, Disposed and Intensity
- Cost incurred on well-being measures as a percentage of total revenue of the company.
- Safety related incidents (LTIFR + Fatality + Permanent Disabilities) including contractual workforce.
- Gross wages paid to females as percentage of wages paid (wages considered for workers).
- Complaints on POSH.
- Input material sourced (from MSMEs/ small producers and from within India).
- Job creation in smaller towns.
- Instances involving loss / breach of data of customers and Number of days of accounts payable.
- Concentration of purchases & sales done with trading houses, dealers, and related parties. Also, loans & investments with related parties.

#### **Assurance Criteria**

Intertek conducted the assurance work in accordance with requirements of 'Limited Assurance' procedures as per the following standard:

- International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000 (revised) for 'Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information'.
- International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3410 for 'Assurance Engagements on Greenhouse Gas Statement

A limited assurance engagement comprises of limited depth of evidence gathering including inquiry and analytical procedures and limited sampling as per professional judgement of assurance provider. A materiality threshold level of 10% was applied. Assessment of compliance and materiality was undertaken against the stated calculation methodology and criteria.

## Methodology

Intertek performed assurance work using risk-based approach to obtain the information, explanations and evidence that was considered necessary to provide a limited level of assurance. The assurance was conducted by desk reviews, and stakeholder interviews with regards to the reporting and supporting records for the fiscal year 2024. Our assurance task was planned and carried out during May-Jun 2024. The assessment included the following:

- Review of the Report that was prepared in accordance with the SEBI's BRSR guidelines.
- Review of processes and systems used to gather and consolidate data.
- Examined and reviewed documents, data and other information made available digitally.
- Conducted online interviews with key personnel responsible for data management.
- Assessment of appropriateness of various assumptions, estimations and thresholds used by Arvind for data analysis.
- Review of BRSR disclosures on sample basis for the duration from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March of 2024 for Arvind was carried out remotely.
- Appropriate documentary evidence was obtained to support our conclusions on the information and data reviewed and details would be provided in a separate management report.

# **Conclusions**

Intertek reviewed selected BRSR disclosures provided by Arvind in its Report. Based on the data and information provided by Arvind, Intertek concludes with limited assurance that there is no evidence that the sustainability data

and information presented in the Report is not materially correct. The report provides a fair representation of BRSR disclosures and is in accordance with the SEBI's BRSR guidelines to the best of our knowledge.

# Intertek's Competence and Independence

Intertek is a global provider of assurance services with a presence in more than 100 countries employing approximately 43,500 people. The Intertek assurance team included competent sustainability assurance professionals, who were not involved in the collection and collation of any data except for this assurance opinion. Intertek maintains complete impartiality towards any people interviewed.

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No member of the verification team (stated above) has a business relationship with Arvind Ltd. stakeholders beyond that is required of this assignment. No form of bribe has been accepted before, throughout and after performing the verification. The verification team has not been intimidated to agree to do this work, change and/or alter the results of the verification. The verification team has not participated in any form of nepotism, self-dealing and/or tampering. If any concerns or conflicts were identified, appropriate mitigation measures were put in place, documented and presented with the final report. The process followed during the verification is based on the principles of impartiality, evidence, fair presentation and documentation. The documentation received and reviewed supports the conclusion reached and stated in this opinion.