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Independent reasonable assurance report to Tata Steel Limited on Global Tax & Other Contributions

To
The Management of Tata Steel Limited
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We were engaged by the management of Tata Steel Limited [hereinafter referred to as 'Tata Steel' or 'the Company'] to report on 'Global Tax & Other Contributions' section contained in Tata Steel Limited's Tax Transparency Report for the financial year 2023-24 [the said section hereinafter referred to as 'Global Tax & Other Contributions'], in the form of an independent reasonable assurance conclusion about whether Tata Steel's statement that the Global Tax & Other Contributions is properly prepared, in all material respects, based on 'Basis of Preparation' attached to the Tax Transparency Report is fairly stated.

Tata Steel's responsibilities

The management of Tata Steel are responsible for preparing the Global Tax & Other Contributions that is free from material misstatement in accordance with the Basis of Preparation and for the information contained therein. The management of Tata Steel is also responsible for preparing the Basis of Preparation.

This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and presentation of Global Tax & Other Contributions that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. It also includes developing the Basis of Preparation. The Company is also responsible for preventing and detecting fraud and for identifying and ensuring that it complies with laws and regulations applicable to its activities.

Our responsibilities

Our responsibility is to examine the Global Tax & Other Contributions prepared by the Company and to report thereon in the form of an independent reasonable assurance conclusion based on the evidence obtained. We conducted our engagement in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000: Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. That standard requires that we plan and perform our procedures to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Global Tax & Other Contributions is properly prepared, in all material respects.

The firm applies International Standard on Quality Control 1 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.



We have complied with the independence and other ethical requirements of the Code of Ethics for professional accountants issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants, which is founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour.

The procedures selected depend on our judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of Global Tax & Other Contributions whether due to fraud or error.

In making those risk assessments, we have considered internal control relevant to the preparation and presentation of Global Tax & Other Contributions in order to design assurance procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purposes of expressing a conclusion as to the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over the preparation and presentation of Global Tax & Other Contributions. Our engagement also included assessing the appropriateness of Global Tax & Other Contributions, the suitability of the Basis of Preparation used by the Company in preparing the Global Tax & Other Contributions in the circumstances of the engagement, evaluating the appropriateness of the procedures used in the preparation of Global Tax & Other Contributions and the reasonableness of estimates made by the Company and evaluating the overall presentation of the Global Tax & Other Contributions. Reasonable assurance is less than absolute assurance.

The procedures performed by us have been included herein as Annexure - Assurance procedures – Global Tax & Other Contributions.

Conclusion

Our conclusion has been formed on the basis of, and is subject to, the matters outlined in this report. We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our conclusion. In our opinion, the Global Tax & Other Contributions is properly prepared in all material respects, based on the Basis of Preparation.

Restriction of use of our report

In accordance with the terms of our engagement, this independent reasonable assurance report on Global Tax & Other Contributions has been prepared for Tata Steel solely for inclusion in its Tax Transparency Report for FY 2023-24 and for no other purpose or in any other context.

Our report should not be regarded as suitable to be used or relied on by any party wishing to acquire rights against us other than Tata Steel Limited for any purpose or in any context. Any party other than Tata Steel Limited who obtains access to our report or a copy thereof and chooses to rely on our report (or any part thereof) will do so at its own risk. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we accept or assume no responsibility and deny any liability to any party other than Tata Steel Limited for our work, for this independent reasonable assurance report, or for the conclusions we have reached.

Our report is released to Tata Steel on the basis that it shall not be copied, referred to or disclosed, in whole (save for inclusion in Tata Steel's Tax Transparency Report) or in part, without our prior written consent.

For KPMG Assurance and Consulting Services LLP

Gaurav Mehndiratta

Partner

19th June 2024



Annexure - Assurance procedures – Global Tax & Other Contributions

- Understand and examine the processes and controls at Tata Steel level in managing, collating and reviewing the data for the Global Tax & Other Contributions
- Review the guidance provided / instructions issued to locations/ units/ group entities by central team for collation of various Tax and other specified items.
- Review the country wise break-up of the Tax and other specified items reported in the Global Tax & Other Contributions
- Understand and examine the processes and controls at local country level for collation of Tax and other specified items included in Global Tax & Other Contributions. This will include review of:
 - reporting to central team to ensure adherence of the guidance provided by the central team
 - processes for ensuring that all local country taxes are included within the reporting to central team.
- Review the basis on which the country level tax and other specified data reported has been captured, reviewed and consolidated to assess whether the data has been collected, consolidated and reported fairly
- For the countries selected, perform trend analysis on the tax and other specified data to understand any material variances. Seek explanations for variances, if any
- For the countries selected, verify the tax paid (on a sample basis) to the underlying documents
- Compare the tax and other specified data in the report to the relevant disclosures in the consolidated financial statements.