

Appendix 5 – Independent Assurance Report on the Sustainability Report 2019



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Independent Assurance Report on the Sustainability Report 2019

To the Board of Directors and Stakeholders of EVRAZ plc

Subject matter

At the request of EVRAZ plc (hereinafter 'the Company') we have obtained a limited level assurance on the qualitative and quantitative information disclosed in the Sustainability Report 2019 of EVRAZ plc (hereinafter 'the Report') except for the following matters:

- ▶ Forward-looking statements on performance, events or planned activities;
- ▶ Correspondence between the Report and the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures; and
- ▶ Statements of third parties on performance in the Report.

Applicable criteria

The criteria of our engagement were the Global Reporting Initiative's Sustainability Reporting Standards (hereinafter 'the GRI Standards') and the sustainability reporting principles of the Company as set out in section 'About this report' of the Report. We believe that these criteria are appropriate given the purpose of our assurance engagement.

Management's responsibilities

The management of the Company is responsible for the preparation of the Report and for the information therein to present fairly in all material respects sustainability policies, activities, events and performance of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2019 in compliance with the GRI Standards and the sustainability reporting principles of the Company that are described in section 'About this report' of the Report. This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation of a sustainability report that is free of material misstatements, selecting and applying appropriate reporting principles and using measurement methods and estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Our responsibilities

Our responsibility is to independently express conclusions that:

- ▶ The information in the Report is, in all material respects, a fair representation of sustainability policies, activities, events and performance of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2019;
- ▶ The Report is prepared 'in accordance' with the GRI Standards using the Core option.

We apply International Standard on Quality Control 1 and accordingly maintain 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 behavior.

Summary of work performed

Our engagement was conducted in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000 (Revised), Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information, issued by IFAC, and accordingly included the following procedures:

- ▶ Interviews with representatives of the Company management and specialists responsible for its sustainability policies, activities, performance and relevant reporting;
- ▶ Analysis of key documents related to Company sustainability policies, activities, performance and relevant reporting;
- ▶ Obtaining understanding of the process used to prepare the information on sustainability performance indicators of the Company and other engagement circumstances by reviewing the reporting process used for preparation of sustainability reports;
- ▶ Analysis of the Company stakeholder engagement activities via reviewing public hearings materials conducted by the Company;
- ▶ Benchmarking of the Report against sustainability reports of selected international and Russian peers of the Company and lists of sector-specific sustainability issues raised by stakeholders;
- ▶ Review of selection of corporate and external media publications with respect to the Company sustainability policies, activities, events, and performance in 2019;
- ▶ Analysis of material issues in field of sustainable development identified by the Company;
- ▶ Identification of sustainability issues material for the Company based on the procedures described above and analysis of their reflection in the Report;



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- ▶ Review of data samples regarding key human resources, energy use, environmental protection, process safety and health and safety activities indicators for the year ended 31 December 2019 to assess whether these data have been collected, prepared, collated and reported appropriately at the central office level;
- ▶ Visit to EVRAZ ZSMK in order to interview executives responsible for human resources, environmental protection and health and safety and gather evidence supporting the assertions on the Company's sustainability policies, activities, events, and performance made in the Report;
- ▶ Collection on a sample basis of evidence substantiating the qualitative and quantitative information included in the Report at the central office level;
- ▶ Assessment of compliance of the Report and its preparation process with Evraz plc sustainability reporting principles; and
- ▶ Assessment of compliance of information and data disclosures in the Report with the requirements of the Core option of reporting 'in accordance' with the GRI Standards.

Our evidence gathering procedures are more limited than for a reasonable assurance engagement, and therefore less assurance is obtained than in a reasonable assurance engagement.

E.V. Khramova
Partner
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27 April 2020

Conclusion

Based on the procedures performed and evidence obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the information in the Report does not represent fairly, in all material respects, the sustainability policies, activities, events and performance of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2019 in accordance with the GRI Standards and sustainability reporting principles of the Company.

Nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the Report is not prepared 'in accordance' with the GRI Standards using the Core option.

Details of the subject of the independent assurance

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