



# LRQA Independent Assurance Statement

## Relating to NISSIN FOODS HOLDINGS CO., LTD.'s Environmental Data for the calendar year 2021

This Assurance Statement has been prepared for NISSIN FOODS HOLDINGS CO., LTD. in accordance with our contract.

### Terms of Engagement

LRQA was commissioned by NISSIN FOODS HOLDINGS CO., LTD. (“the Company”) to provide independent assurance on its environmental data disclosed in Sustainability page of its corporate website (“the report”) for the calendar year 2021 (from 1 January to 31 December 2021), against the assurance criteria below to a limited level of assurance and at the materiality of the professional judgement of the verifier using ISAE3000 (Revised) and ISO 14064-3:2019 for Greenhouse gas (“GHG”) emissions.

Our assurance engagement covered the operations and activities relating the manufacturing plants and offices of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries in Japan and overseas and specifically the following requirements:<sup>1 2</sup>

- Verifying conformance with the Company’s reporting methodologies for the selected dataset;
- Evaluating the accuracy and reliability of data for the selected environmental datasets listed below:<sup>3</sup>
  - Scope 1 and Scope 2 CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (Market-based and Location-based) (tCO<sub>2</sub>)<sup>4 5</sup>
  - Scope 3 GHG emissions, Categories 1~7, 9, 11, and 12 (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)<sup>6</sup>
  - Total volume of water consumption (municipal and underground sources) (m<sup>3</sup>)<sup>7</sup>
  - Total waste generated, amount of food waste generated, amount of landfill volume and amount of Incinerated (tonnes)<sup>7</sup>

LRQA’s responsibility is only to the Company. LRQA disclaims any liability or responsibility to others as explained in the end footnote. The Company’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 the Company.

### LRQA’s Opinion

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

- Met the requirements above
- Disclosed accurate and reliable environmental data as summarised in Table 1 and 2 below.

The opinion expressed is formed on the bases of a limited level of assurance<sup>8</sup> and at the materiality of the professional judgement of the verifier.

<sup>1</sup> AJINIHON and ZHUHAI GOLDEN COAST WINNER FOOD PRODUCTS, which have substantial control, are included in the boundary, but KOIKE-YA Inc. and Koikeya Vietnam Co., Ltd. are excluded.

<sup>2</sup> In the case of a manufacturing plant of NISSIN FOODS, if the logistics warehouse (NISSIN ENTERBRISE) is located within the manufacturing plant and it is difficult to separate between the plant and the warehouse, NISSIN ENTERBRISE shall be also included in the scope.

<sup>3</sup> GHG quantification is subject to inherent uncertainty.

<sup>4</sup> Manufacturing factories including domestic and overseas group companies, NISSIN FOODS HD (Tokyo Head Office, Osaka Head Office, the WAVE), and MYOJO Research Laboratory.

<sup>5</sup> Non-energy-origin GHG emissions (non- CO<sub>2</sub>) are excluded. Gasoline and diesel oil used in sales and company vehicles were excluded.

<sup>6</sup> The Scope 3 GHG emissions associated with categories 8, 10, 13, 14 and 15 were excluded since the Company has no relevant business activities.

<sup>7</sup> This scope only covers the manufacturing plants of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries in Japan and overseas.

<sup>8</sup> The extent of evidence-gathering for a limited assurance engagement is less than for a reasonable assurance engagement. Limited assurance engagements focus on aggregated data rather than physically checking source data at sites. Consequently, the level of assurance obtained in a



**Table 1. Summary of NISSIN FOODS HOLDINGS CO., LTD.'s environmental data for the Calendar Year 2021**

Scope			
CO <sub>2</sub> emissions	Scope 1	269	ktCO <sub>2</sub>
	Scope 2 (Market-based)	158	ktCO <sub>2</sub>
	Scope 2 (Location-based)	187	ktCO <sub>2</sub>
Total waste generated		91.6	kilo-tonnes
	Amount of food waste generated	50.9	kilo-tonnes
	Amount of landfill volume	6.5	kilo-tonnes
	Amount of Incinerated	4.2	kilo-tonnes
Total volume of water consumption		5,855	kilo-m <sup>3</sup>
	City water	1,951	kilo-m <sup>3</sup>
	Underground water	3,904	kilo-m <sup>3</sup>

**Table 2. Summary of NISSIN FOODS HOLDINGS CO., LTD.'s Scope 3 GHG emissions for the Calendar Year 2021**

Categories	ktCO <sub>2</sub> e
1. Purchased goods & services	2,494
2. Capital goods	78
3. Fuel- and energy-related activities	88
4. Upstream transportation & distribution	387
5. Waste generated in operations	18
6. Business travel	4
7. Employee commuting	10
8. Upstream leased assets	<i>Not applicable</i>
9. Downstream transportation & distribution	284
10. Processing of sold products	<i>Not applicable</i>
11. Use of sold products	321
12. End of life treatment of sold products	122
13. Downstream leased assets	<i>Not applicable</i>
14. Franchises	<i>Not applicable</i>
15. Investments	<i>Not applicable</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,804</b>

**Notes**

- As for the categories 2 and 4, some of the result were collected in FY2022 (1 April 2021 – 31 March 2022).
- As for the category 12, some of the result were collected in FY2021 (1 April 2020 – 31 March 2021).
- Partner companies calculate only Category 1.
- NISSIN FOODS HD the WAVE calculates only Categories 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7.
- NISSIN FOODS HD Tokyo headquarters and Osaka headquarters calculate only Categories 1, 2, 3, 6, and 7.
- Sales offices (NISSIN FOOD PRODUCTS, MYOJO FOODS, NISSIN FROZEN FOODS, NISSIN CISCO) calculate only Categories 1,2,5,6, and 7.
- Sales offices (NISSIN CHILLED FOODS, NISSIN YORK, and BonChi) calculate only Categories 1, 2, 6, and 7.
- Overseas offices calculate only Categories 2, 6, and 7.

**LRQA's Approach**

LRQA's assurance engagements are carried out in accordance with ISAE3000 (Revised) and ISO 14064-3:2019 for GHG emissions. The following tasks were undertaken as part of the evidence gathering process for this assurance engagement:

*limited assurance engagement is lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had a reasonable assurance engagement been performed.*



- Auditing the Company’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 procedures, instructions and systems, including those for internal verification;
- Interviewing with key people responsible for compiling the data and drafting the report;
- Sampling datasets and tracing activity data back to aggregated levels;
- Verifying the historical data and records associated with Scope 1, Scope 2, and Scope 3 GHG emissions, total volume of water consumption, and total waste generated for the calendar year 2021; and
- Visiting NISSIN F.D. FOODS CO., LTD to confirm the data collection processes, record management practices, and to physically check the equipment and the monitoring devices.
- Implementing a “No Visitor” Policy due to the global infection spread of COVID-19, interviewing and verification were conducted remotely via emails, telephone, and Microsoft Teams to Saitama plant of HIGASHINIHON MYOJO CO., LTD., and the head office of NISSIN FOODS HOLDINGS CO., LTD. to investigate whether the data management systems have been effectively implemented.

### Observations

The Company is expected to further improve the accuracy and reliability of its reports. In particular, we expect the Company to establish a system for collecting detailed information, establish procedures to facilitate the understanding of those in charge of data collection and promote the sharing of information in the overseas office.

### LRQA’s Standards, Competence and Independence

LRQA implements and maintains a comprehensive management system that meets accreditation requirements for ISO 14065 *Greenhouse gases – Requirements for greenhouse gas validation and verification bodies for use in accreditation or other forms of recognition* and ISO/IEC 17021 *Conformity assessment – Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems* that are at least as demanding as the requirements of the International Standard on Quality Control 1 and comply with the *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants.

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.

This is the only work undertaken by LRQA for the Company and as such does not compromise our independence or impartiality.

Signed

Dated: 15 June 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Saeko S.'.

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