

Carbon Footprint Assurance Statement 2020/21

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Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer

Statement of verification

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Scope

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP (henceforth referred to as Freshfields) engaged Carbon Footprint Ltd to verify its global carbon footprint assessment and supporting evidence for the period **1st May 2020 to 30th April 2021**. Freshfields is responsible for the information within the carbon footprint report. The responsibility of Carbon Footprint Ltd is to provide a conclusion as to whether the statements made are in accordance with the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Protocol.

Methodology

The verification was led by Jenny Webb, Senior Environmental Consultant, Carbon Footprint Ltd. Carbon Footprint Ltd completed the review in accordance with the 'ISO 14064 Part 3 (2019): *Greenhouse Gases: Specification with guidance for the verification and validation of greenhouse gas statements*'. The work was undertaken to provide a limited level of assurance with respect to the GHG statements made. Carbon Footprint Ltd believes that the review of the assessment and associated evidence, coupled with this subsequent report, provides a reasonable and fair basis for our conclusion.

The following data was within the scope of the verification (below shows the post-audit results):

- **Scope 1:** natural gas, gas oil, company car travel and refrigerant loss – **1,629 tCO₂e**
- **Scope 2:** purchased electricity and district heating – **7,097 tCO₂e** (location-based) and **2,774 tCO₂e** (market-based)
- **Scope 3:** business travel (air, rail, taxi and personal car), waste, water, paper and electricity transmission & distribution – **1,520 tCO₂e**

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| Location-based total: | 10,245 tCO ₂ e | Paper consumption: | 86 metric tonne |
| Market-based total: | 5,922 tCO ₂ e | Water consumption: | 77,022 m ³ |
| Emissions per employee¹ | 1.72 tCO ₂ e | Waste disposal: | 1,304 tonnes |

Assurance opinion

Based on the results of our verification process, Carbon Footprint Ltd provides limited assurance of the GHG emissions statement, **and found no evidence that the GHG emissions statement:**

- is not materially correct and is not a fair representation of the GHG emissions data and information;
- has not been prepared in accordance with the GHG Protocol.

It is our opinion that Freshfields has established appropriate systems for the collection, aggregation and analysis of quantitative data for determination of GHG emissions for the stated period and boundaries.

Jenny Webb

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¹ Based on location-based total.

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