

# **ASSURANCE STATEMENT**

# SGS TAIWAN LTD.'S REPORT ON SUSTAINABILITY ACTIVITIES IN THE MERRY ELECTRONICS CO., LTD.'S SUSTAINABILITY REPORT FOR 2022

# NATURE AND SCOPE OF THE ASSURANCE/VERIFICATION

SGS Taiwan Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as SGS) was commissioned by MERRY ELECTRONICS CO., LTD. (hereinafter referred to as MERRY) to conduct an independent assurance of the Sustainability Report for 2022 (hereinafter referred to as the SR Report). The scope of assurance is based on the SGS Sustainability Report Assurance methodology and AA1000 Assurance Standardv3 Type 2 Moderate level to assess whether the text and data in accompanying tables contained in the report and complies with the GRI Universal Standard (2021) and AA1000 Accountability Principles (2018) during on-site verification (2023/03/15~2023/05/02) in MERRY headquarter. The boundary of this report includes MERRY Taiwan and oversea operational and production sites' specific performance data included the sampled text, and data in accompanying tables, contained in the report presented. The assurance process did not include the evaluation of specific performance information outside the scope, such as climate-related financial disclosures (TCFD).

SGS reserves the right to update the assurance statement from time to time depending on the level of report content discrepancy of the published version from the agreed standards requirements.

# INTENDED USERS OF THIS ASSURANCE STATEMENT

This Assurance Statement is provided with the intention of informing all MERRY's Stakeholders.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES

The information in the MERRY's SR Report of 2022 and its presentation are the responsibility of the directors or governing body and management of MERRY. SGS has not been involved in the preparation of any of the material included in the SR Report.

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the report content within the scope of verification with the intention to inform all MERRY's stakeholders.

#### ASSURANCE STANDARDS, TYPE AND LEVEL OF ASSURANCE

The SGS ESG & Sustainability Report Assurance protocols used to conduct assurance are based upon internationally recognized assurance guidance and standards including the principles of reporting process contained within the Global Reporting Initiative Sustainability Reporting Standards (GRI Standards) GRI 1: Foundation 2021 for report quality, GRI 2 General Disclosure 2021 for organisation's reporting practices and other organizational detail, GRI 3 2021 for organisation's process of determining material topics, its list of material topics and how to manages each topic, and the guidance on levels of assurance contained within the AA1000 series of standards.

The assurance of this report has been conducted according to the following Assurance Standards:

Assurance Standard Options	Level of Assurance
Α	SGS ESG & SRA Assurance Protocols (based on GRI Principles and guidance in AA1000)
В	AA1000ASv3 Type 2 Moderate  (AA1000AP Evaluation plus evaluation of Specified Performance Information)

#### SCOPE OF ASSURANCE AND REPORTING CRITERIA

The scope of the assurance included evaluation of quality, accuracy and reliability of specified performance information as detailed below and evaluation of adherence to the following reporting criteria:

# **Reporting Criteria Options**

- 1 GRI Universal Standard (2021) (In Accordance with)
- 2 AA1000 Accountability Principles (2018)
- 3 SASB (HARDWARE)
  - evaluation of content veracity of the sustainability performance information in relation to the determined material topics at a moderate level of scrutiny for MERRY and moderate level of scrutiny for subsidiaries, and applicable aspect boundaries outside of the organization covered by this report;
  - AA1000 Assurance Standard v3 Type 2 evaluation of the report content and supporting management systems against the AA1000 Accountability Principles (2018);
  - evaluation of the report against the requirements of Global Reporting Initiative Universal Standard 2021 (GRI 2, GRI 3, 200, 300 and 400 series) claimed in the GRI content index as material and in accordance with; and
  - evaluation of the report against the SASB Disclosures and Metrics included in the HARDWARE Sustainability Accounting Standard (VERSION 2018-10) and conducted alongside an evaluation of accuracy assurance at moderate level of scrutiny.

#### **ASSURANCE METHODOLOGY**

The assurance comprised a combination of pre-assurance research, interviews with relevant employees, superintendents, Sustainability task force team members and the senior management in Taiwan; documentation and record review and validation with external bodies and/or stakeholders where relevant.

#### LIMITATIONS AND MITIGATION

Financial data drawn directly from independently audited financial accounts and Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) has not been checked back to source as part of this assurance process.

#### STATEMENT OF INDEPENDENCE AND COMPETENCE

The SGS Group of companies is the world leader in inspection, testing and verification, operating in more than 140 countries and providing services including management systems and service certification; quality, environmental, social and ethical auditing and training; environmental, social and sustainability report assurance. SGS affirm our independence from MERRY, being free from bias and conflicts of interest with the organisation, its subsidiaries and stakeholders.

The assurance team was assembled based on their knowledge, experience and qualifications for this assignment, and comprised auditors registered with ISO 26000, ISO 20121, ISO 50001, SA8000, RBA, QMS, EMS, SMS, GPMS, CFP, WFP, GHG Verification and GHG Validation Lead Auditors and experience on the SRA Assurance service provisions.

## **VERIFICATION/ ASSURANCE OPINION**

We believe that the organisation has chosen an appropriate level of assurance for this stage in their reporting.

## AA1000 ACCOUNTABILITY PRINCIPLES (2018) CONCLUSIONS, FINDING'S AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#### Inclusivity

MERRY has demonstrated a good commitment to stakeholder inclusivity and stakeholder engagement. A variety of engagement efforts such as survey and communication to employees, customers, investors, suppliers, CSR experts, and other stakeholders are implemented to underpin the organization's understanding of stakeholder concerns. For future reporting, MERRY may collect more responses from diversified stakeholders to integrate their engagement results into governance, strategy and relevant decision-making processes across the full organisation.

#### Materiality

MERRY has established effective processes for determining issues that are material to the business. Formal review has identified stakeholders and those issues that are material to each group and the report addresses these at an appropriate level to reflect their importance and priority to these stakeholders.

#### Responsiveness

The report includes coverage given to stakeholder engagement and channels for stakeholder feedback. Merry could develop a strategy based on a comprehensive and balanced understanding and response to material sustainability topics and stakeholder concerns.

### **Impact**

MERRY has demonstrated a process on identifying impacts that fairly encompass a range of environmental, social and governance topics from wide range of sources, such as activities, policies, programs, decisions and products and services, as well as any related performance. Impacts related to material topics were in place at target setting with qualitative and quantitative measurements and evaluation, leading to more effective decision-making and results-based management.

# GLOBAL REPORTING INITIATIVE REPORTING STANDARDS CONCLUSIONS, FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The report, MERRY's SR Report of 2022, is adequately in accordance with the GRI Universal Standards 2021 and complies with the requirements set out in section 3 of GRI 1 Foundation 2021, where the significant impacts on the economy, environment, and people, including impacts on their human rights are assessed and disclosed following the guidance defined in GRI 3: Material Topic 2021, and the relevant 200/300/400 series Topic Standard related to Material Topic have been disclosed. MERRY has set goals and targets for each material topic aligning with SDGs, which the results are expected to demonstrate with qualitative and quantitative information. For future reporting, it is recommended to have more descriptions on how the organization has applied due diligence as a method for the identification and the evaluation of its impacts on the economy, environment, and people, including impacts on their human rights as well as the role of the highest governance body in overseeing these processes. More detailed disclosures of the highest governance body's involvement with ESG management are encouraged.

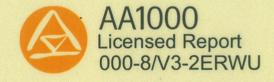
#### SASB CONCLUSIONS. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

MERRY has referenced with SASB's Standard, HARDWARE, VERSION 2018-10 to disclose information of material topics that are vital for enterprise value creation. The reporting boundaries of the disclosed information correspond to correspond to MERRY's Sustainability Report of 2022. MERRY used SASB accounting and activity metrics to assess and manage the topic-related risks and opportunities, where relevant quantitative information was assessed for its accuracy and completeness to support the comparability of the data reported. Process to identify, assess, and manage topic-related risks and opportunities were integrated into MERRY's overall management process. It is recommended that regular monitoring of peer disclosure can help MERRY better understand evolving expectations—among investors and other stakeholders and ensure to provide comparable information.

Signed:

For and on behalf of SGS Taiwan Ltd.

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