

**Assurance Statement related to
GHG and Water Inventory for Fiscal Year 2017
prepared for InterContinental Hotels Group PLC**

Terms of Engagement

This Assurance Statement has been prepared for InterContinental Hotels Group PLC (IHG).

Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance, Inc. (LRQA) was commissioned by Anthesis LLC (Anthesis) to assure the GHG Emissions and Water Inventories for IHG for the fiscal year 2017, October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017 (hereafter referred to as "the Inventories").

The Inventories include direct (Scope 1) GHG emissions, energy indirect (Scope 2) GHG emissions, other indirect (Scope 3) GHG emissions and water withdrawals. The Scope 3 GHG emissions include franchised hotels.

The Inventories include ten main brands under IHG: Crowne Plaza, Candlewood Suites, Holiday Inn Express, Holiday Inn, InterContinental Hotel, Indigo Hotel, Kimpton Hotel, Staybridge Suites, Hualuxe Hotel, and Even Hotel. The following three minor brands: ANA Hotels International, SP-Southern Pacific Hotel Corporation, and MA-Privatised army lodging, as well as non-branded hotels and offices, are also included in the Inventories.

Management Responsibility

IHG's management was responsible for preparing the Inventories and for maintaining effective internal controls over the data and information disclosed. LRQA's responsibility was to carry out an assurance engagement on the Inventories in accordance with our contract with Anthesis.

Ultimately, the Report has been approved by, and remains the responsibility of IHG.

LRQA's Approach

Our verification has been conducted in accordance with ISO 14064-3:2006 *Specification with guidance for validation and verification of greenhouse gas assertions* for GHG data and LRQA's Verification Approach for water data to provide limited assurance that the data as presented in the Inventories have been prepared in conformance with the World Resource Institute/World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WRI/WBCSD) GHG Protocol: *A Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard*, the IHG GHG Inventory Management Plan, Version 3.0, and the IHG Water Inventory Management Plan, Version 3.0

To form our conclusions the assurance engagement was undertaken as a sampling exercise and covered the following activities:

- Reviewed the processes for the management of data and information related to the Scope 1, Scope 2, and Scope 3 GHG emissions and water withdrawal data used at the corporate level;
- Interviewed relevant staff and consultants responsible for managing and maintaining data and information and for preparing the Inventories;
- Checked the reported data against aggregated data and primary records provided by IHG; and
- Verified the Inventories through a review of aggregated level data and information and calculation spreadsheets provided by IHG.



Level of Assurance & Materiality

The opinion expressed in this Assurance Statement has been formed on the basis of a limited level of assurance and at a materiality of the professional judgment of the Verifier.

LRQA's Opinion

Based on LRQA's approach nothing has come to our attention that would cause us to believe that the total Scope 1 GHG emissions, Scope 2 GHG emissions, Scope 3 GHG emissions, and water withdrawals, as summarized in Table 1 below, are not materially correct and the Inventories have not been prepared in accordance with the WRI/WBCSD GHG Protocol and IHG's GHG and Water Inventory Management Plans, except for the following qualification:

- GHG emissions and water withdrawal from one of the IHG Offices were not reported. These exclusions are not material.

Signed

Dated: May 22, 2018

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marisol Bacong'.

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Table 1. Summary of IHG GHG Emissions and Water Inventories FY 2017

Scope	Total	Units
Scope 1 (Owned & Managed hotels)	481,383	tCO ₂ e
Scope 2 - Location Based (Owned & Managed hotels)	1,963,872	tCO ₂ e
Scope 2 - Market Based (Owned & Managed hotels)	1,977,656	tCO ₂ e
Scope 3 - (Franchised hotels)	2,631,575	tCO ₂ e
Water withdrawal	49,473	megalitres

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