

VERIFICATION STATEMENT

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Verification of Daio Group's Non-financial Information (2022)

< Verification Objectives >

DNV Business Assurance Japan K.K. (hereinafter, "DNV") has been commissioned by Daio Paper Corporation (hereinafter "the Organization") to perform an independent verification of the calculation results of the Daio Group's non-financial information, including environmental data and occupational accident data for FY2022 (hereafter "the non-financial information"). The objective of this verification is to confirm that the non-financial information claimed by the Organization has been calculated and reported appropriately based on the calculation standards, and to express an independent opinion.

< Verification Scope >

The scope of this verification is as follows.

- GHG emissions : Scope1, Scope2, Scope3 (Category 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 12)
- Water use : Amount of water use and wastewater
- Waste : Amount of waste and waste reuse
- Occupational Accident Data : Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate

< Verification Criteria >

The criteria for identification, calculation, monitoring, and reporting of GHG (greenhouse gas), water use, waste, and occupational accident data to be verified are the calculation and reporting procedures established by the Organization. The criteria for verification include ISO 14064-3:2019, ISAE 3000, as well as the criteria required by the calculation and reporting procedures established by the Organization.

< Verification Process and Methodology >

The reviews of the non-financial information, relevant documents, and subsequent follow-up interviews have provided DNV with sufficient evidence to determine the fulfilment of stated criteria.

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Place and date: Kobe, Japan, 31 August 2023

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< Period Covered by Calculation >

The period covered by the FY2022 non-financial information is 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

※Only for the lost time injury frequency rate, the period covered is 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022.

< Organization Boundary of Verification >

Management Control Equity Share Others

< GHG data verified >

DNV's opinion is that the GHG data results in the quantification of GHG emissions that are real, transparent and measurable.

■ **Type of GHGs** : CO₂ CH₄ N₂O HFCs PFCs SF₆ NF₃

■ **Amount of GHG emissions (Scope1&2)** : 4,157,928 tCO₂e
(Scope3) : 2,296,972 tCO₂e

Emissions by Scope 3 Categories

Category 1: Purchased goods and services	1,320,575 t-CO ₂ e	※Excluding overseas
Category 2: Capital goods	123,902 t-CO ₂ e	
Category 3: Fuel- and energy-related activities (not included in Scope 1 or Scope 2)	123,318 t-CO ₂ e	
Category 4: Upstream transportation and distribution	408,208 t-CO ₂ e	※Excluding overseas
Category 5: Waste generated in operations	26,749 t-CO ₂ e	
Category 6: Business travel	1,642 t-CO ₂ e	
Category 7: Employee commuting	5,943 t-CO ₂ e	
Category 9: Downstream transportation and distribution	109,108 t-CO ₂ e	※Excluding overseas
Category 12: End-of-life treatment of sold products	177,526 t-CO ₂ e	

※ The scope of each category is the Organization and its group (Up to 30 consolidated subsidiaries).

< Water use, Waste and Occupational Accident Data verified >

DNV's opinion is that the water use, waste and occupational accident data results in the quantification of water use that are real, transparent, and measurable.

■ **Amount of Water use** : 175,883,720 m³
 ■ **Amount of Wastewater** : 166,016,355 m³
 ■ **Amount of Waste** : 289,285 t
 ■ **Amount of Waste Reuse** : 280,785 t
 ■ **Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate** : 1.01

The reported values above are fully covered by the verification.

< Verification Opinion >

Unmodified Opinion Modified Opinion Adverse Opinion

As an independent third party, DNV has no financial dependencies on the Organization.