

# **Independent Assurance Statement**

## Introduction

DNV represented by DNV Business Assurance India Private Limited ('DNV') has been engaged by the Lupin Limited ('Lupin' or `the Company', Corporate Identity independent assurance (L24100MH1983PLC029442) carry to out an engagement of nonfinancial/sustainability performance (qualitative and quantitative data) disclosed in the Company's Integrated Report 2021-22 ('the Report') in its printed and online formats including references to the Company's website. The sustainability performance in this Report covers disclosures corresponding to the reporting period 1st April 2021 - 31st March 2022 and relates to material topics identified by Lupin.

The sustainability disclosures have been prepared by Lupin based on key requirements of the International Integrated Reporting Council's International <IR> Framework (January 2021, the '<IR> Framework'), chosen topic-specific Standards from the Global Reporting Initiative's (GRI's) Sustainability Reporting Standards ('GRI Standards') as well as the National Guidelines on Responsible Business Conduct, 2018 ('NGRBC') of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India and the Securities and Exchange Board of India's ('SEBI's') requirements with respect to BRSR (vide Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD-2/P/CIR/2021/562 dated 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021)

The reporting boundaries for non-financial performance covers Lupin's operational units (Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (API) manufacturing, Formulation's manufacturing, and Research and Development (R&D)) and subsidiaries across the globe, and is as brought out in the Report in the section 'About the Report'.

We performed our assurance (Type 2, Moderate level) activities based on Account Ability's AA1000 Assurance Standard v3, and DNV's assurance methodology VeriSustain<sup>™1</sup>. In doing so, we evaluated the qualitative and quantitative disclosures presented in the Report considering the nine NGRBC Principles and GRI's Principles of Defining Report Content, together with the Company's protocols and formats for measuring, recording and reporting sustainability performance. Our assurance engagement was planned and carried out in June 2022 - July 2022.

The intended user of this assurance statement is the Management of Lupin. We disclaim any liability or responsibility to a third party for decisions, whether investment or otherwise, based on this Assurance Statement. We planned and performed our work to obtain the evidence we considered necessary to provide a basis for our assurance opinion. The assurance engagement considers an uncertainty of  $\pm 5\%$  based on materiality threshold for estimation/measurement errors and omissions. We did not engage with any external stakeholders as part of this assurance engagement.

#### Responsibilities of the Management of Lupin and of the Assurance Provider

The Management of Lupin has the sole responsibility for the preparation of the Report as well as the processes for collecting, analysing and reporting the information presented in the Report and is also responsible for ensuring the maintenance and integrity of its website and referenced disclosures on sustainability performance and management approach. In performing this assurance work, DNV's responsibility is to the Management of Lupin; however, this statement represents our independent opinion and is intended to inform the outcome of the assurance to the stakeholders of the Company.

DNV's assurance engagements are based on the assumption that the data and information provided by the client to us as part of our review have been provided in good faith and free from material misstatements or errors. We were not involved in the preparation of any statements or data included in the Report except for this Assurance Statement.

We did not come across limitations to scope of the agreed assurance agreement during our assurance process. The reported data on economic performance, expenditure towards Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities, and other financial data of Lupin within the Report are based on audited financial statements which

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The VeriSustain protocol is available on request from www.dnv.com and is based on our professional experience, international assurance best practices including the International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 (ISAE 3000) Revised (Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information) and GRI's Reporting Principles. GRI's Principles for defining Report Content and Quality.



have been subjected to a separate independent statutory audit process and is not included in our scope of work. We were not involved in the review of financial information within the Report.

# **Basis of our Opinion**

We planned and performed our work to obtain the evidence considered necessary to provide a basis for our assurance opinion, and as part of the assurance engagement, a multi-disciplinary team of sustainability and assurance specialists conducted sample assessments and interactions with Lupin's key internal stakeholders at its Headquarters at Mumbai and sample operations of the Company based on DNV's sampling plan. We adopted a risk-based approach, that is, we concentrated our verification efforts on the issues of high material relevance to Lupin and its key stakeholders. We undertook the following activities:

- Reviewed the approach to stakeholder engagement and materiality determination process and its outcomes as brought out in the Report.
- Conducted interviews with selected senior managers responsible for management of sustainability issues disclosed in the Report and carried out reviews of selected evidence to support topics and claims disclosed in the Report. We were free to choose interviewees and interviewed those with overall responsibility to deliver the Company's overall sustainability objectives.
- Reviewed Lupin's approach towards addressing application of the Guiding Principles and Content Elements of the <IR> Framework and key requirements of the NGRBC Principles;
- Carried out site assessments at sample operational sites of the Company in India (i) Mandideep in Madhya Pradesh (API and Formulations) (ii) Tarapur in Maharashtra (API) (iii) Ankleshwar in Gujarat (API) and (iv) Pune in Maharashtra (R&D - Bioclinical Research) - to review the processes and systems for preparing site level sustainability data and implementation of sustainability strategy. DNV was free to choose sites for conducting assessments.
- Assessed the robustness of the data management systems, data accuracy, information flow and controls for the reported disclosures and specific performance data related to identified material topics, as well as the processes for data consolidation in context to the principle of Completeness as per DNV's VeriSustain.
- Examined and reviewed selected supporting evidence including documents, data and other information made available by the Company related to sustainability disclosures presented within the Report.
- Performed an independent assessment of the Company's reporting against the key reporting requirements of the <IR> Framework and BRSR.

#### **Opinion and Observations**

On the basis of our assurance work undertaken, nothing has come to our attention to suggest that the Report together with referenced information does not properly describe the Report's adherence to the key reporting requirements of the <IR> Framework including Content Elements and Guiding Principles, disclosures towards BRSR, nor representation of the material topics including chosen topic-specific disclosures from the GRI Standards to bring out its sustainability performance.

Without affecting our assurance opinion, we also provide the following observations.

# Principles of the AA1000 Accountability Principles Standard (2018) Inclusivity

The participation of stakeholders in developing and achieving an accountable and strategic response to Sustainability.

The Report explains the processes and channels that Lupin has put in place to communicate with its key significant stakeholders across its geographies of operations, towards capturing their expectations and priorities, and creating value within Lupin's business and its value chain.

Nothing has come to our attention to suggest that the Report does not meet the requirements related to the Principle of Inclusivity.

#### Materiality

The process of determining the issues that are most relevant to an organization and its stakeholders.

The Report brings out the materiality assessment exercise carried out by Lupin during the reporting period which considered industry-specific topics and trends, macroeconomic landscape, the Company's strategic objectives, risks and opportunities, and expectations of internal and external stakeholders. The topics identified



were evaluated based on the results of surveys and feedback from stakeholder groups and senior management views to arrive at a prioritized list of seventeen material topics across six thematic areas.

Nothing has come to our attention to suggest that the Report does not meet the requirements related to the Principle of Materiality.

#### Responsiveness

The extent to which an organization responds to stakeholder issues.

The Report articulates the approach towards material matters/topics identified through descriptions of impacts on value creation, risks and opportunities, overall strategies and governance mechanisms, as well as key performance indicators through chosen GRI topic-specific Standards. The value creation processes as well as key outputs, outcomes and impacts on each capital corresponding to identified material topic are brought out within the Report. The material topics identified are considered in the overall strategic decision-making process of the Company and linked to descriptions of value creation and impacts across each Capital of the <IR> Framework.

Nothing has come to our attention to suggest that the Report does not meet the requirements related to the Principle of Responsiveness.

### **Impact**

The level to which an organisation monitors, measures and is accountable for how its actions affect its broader ecosystems.

The Report brings out key performance metrics and management processes used by Lupin to monitor, measure and evaluate its significant impacts linked to identified material topics across the Company, relevant Capitals and key stakeholder groups.

Nothing has come to our attention to suggest that the Report does not meet the requirements related to the Principle of Impact.

## Specific Evaluation of the Information on Sustainability Performance

We consider the methodology and the process for gathering information developed by Lupin for its sustainability performance reporting to be appropriate, and the qualitative and quantitative data included in the Report was found to be identifiable and traceable; the personnel responsible were able to demonstrate the origin and interpretation of the data and its reliability. We observed that the Report presents a faithful description of the reported sustainability activities and goals achieved for the reporting period.

#### Reliability

The accuracy and comparability of information presented in the report, as well as the quality of underlying data management systems.

The Report brings out the non-financial/sustainability performance related to Lupin's identified material topics through selected GRI topic-specific Standards. The sustainability performance data is captured from across Lupin's businesses through its data management systems and protocols and validated internally. The majority of the data and information verified through our assessments at sampled operational sites including interactions and reviews with the Company's management teams and data owners and aggregated at the Headquarters at Mumbai were found to be fairly accurate and reliable. Some of the data inaccuracies identified during the verification process were found to be attributable to transcription, interpretation and aggregation errors and these errors have been identified, communicated and corrected.

Nothing has come to our attention to suggest that the Report does not meet the requirements related to the Principle of Reliability.

# Additional principles as per DNV VeriSustain Completeness

How much of all the information that has been identified as material to the organisation and its stakeholders is reported.

The Report brings out Lupin's environmental, social and governance-related performance during the financial year 2021-22 (FY22) covering the key reporting requirements and Content Elements of the <IR> Framework and BRSR disclosures while considering the Company's reporting boundary across the globe for the identified material topics. The value creation model, management approach and descriptions of value creation across the six Capitals are explained within the Report in line with the identified material topics.



Nothing has come to our attention to suggest that the Report does not meet the requirements related to the Principle of Completeness with respect to scope, boundary and time.

#### Neutrality

The extent to which a report provides a balanced account of an organization's performance, delivered in a neutral tone.

The Report brings out Lupin's non-financial performance during FY22 in a neutral manner in terms of report content such as descriptions of significant risks and challenges, macroeconomic context and overall business outlook so as to not unduly influence stakeholder opinions made based on reported qualitative and quantitative information.

Nothing has come to our attention to suggest that the Report does not meet the requirements related to the Principle of Neutrality.

# Statement of Competence and Independence

DNV applies its own management standards and compliance policies for quality control, in accordance with ISO IEC 17021:2015 - Conformity Assessment Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems, and accordingly maintains a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

We have complied with the DNV Code of Conduct<sup>2</sup> during the assurance engagement and maintain independence where required by relevant ethical requirements including the AA1000AS v3 Code of Practice. This engagement work was carried out by an independent team of sustainability assurance professionals. We were not involved in the preparation of any statements or data included in the Report except for this Assurance Statement and Management Report highlighting key areas for improvement. DNV maintains complete impartiality toward stakeholders interviewed during the assurance process. We did not provide any services to Lupin or its subsidiaries in the scope of assurance for the reporting period that could compromise the independence or impartiality of our work.

For DNV	
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The DNV Code of Conduct is available on request from www.dnv.com (https://www.dnv.com/about/in-brief/corporate-governance.html)