

# Independent Assurance Statement

# SHINFOX ENERGY CO., LTD.'s 2023 SUSTAINABLITY REPORT

AFNOR GROUP was established in 1926. We are the National Standardization Body of France, a permanent council member in ISO and one of the leading certification bodies in the world. This verification work was carried out by AFNOR ASIA LTD., a subsidiary of AFNOR GROUP. All the members of the verification team have professional backgrounds and have accepted AA1000 AS, AFAQ 26000, ISO 9001, ISO 14001, ISO 14064, ISO 45001, ISO 50001, and other sustainability-related international standard trainings. All assigned verifiers have been approved as the lead auditors or verifiers. AFNOR GROUP hereby provides a summary of SHINFOX ENERGY CO., LTD.'s Sustainability Report of 2023 (hereinafter referred to as "the Report") but was not involved in any way in its preparation.

AFNOR GROUP and SHINFOX ENERGY CO., LTD. (hereinafter referred to as "SHINFOX ENERGY") are independent entities. AFNOR ASIA LTD., was commissioned by SHINFOX ENERGY to conduct the assessment and assure the Sustainability Report of 2023 was in accordance with AA1000 Assurance Standard (v3) and the Global Reporting Initiative Sustainability Reporting Standards (GRI Standards).

#### SCOPE

SHINFOX ENERGY CO., LTD. is responsible for reporting fairly on the economic, environmental and social aspects of operating activities and performance of its various operating sites in Taiwan in sustainability reports in accordance with the declared sustainability reporting standards.

AFNOR ASIA LTD. is responsible for:

- 1. Evaluating the accordance of the Report with the Type 1 of AA1000 Assurance Standard (v3) based on the AA1000 Accountability Principles (2018). The reliability verification of the revealed sustainability performance information and data was not included. The verification scopes include sustainability issues, response mechanism, performance information, management systems of information, and the processes of materiality evaluation and stakeholder participation.
- 2. In accordance with the GRI Standards, we verified the statement options and material topics disclosed in the report compiled by SHINFOX ENERGY.





The scope of the assurance includes an assessment of the source adequacy of specific performance information and an assessment of adherence to the following reporting criteria:

- AA1000 Accountability Principles (2018)
- GRI Standards

#### METHODOLOGY

- The inclusivity, materiality, responsiveness, and impact in the Report were assessed according to the principles of management process against AA1000 Assurance Standard (v3).
- The report is reported in accordance with the GRI Standards, and the content of the report is reviewed for general disclosures and specific topic disclosures that comply with the GRI Standards.
- The mechanism of communication and response to the interest of stakeholders was verified through discussion and interview with the management team, however, the assessment team did not make any direct contact with external stakeholders.
- The qualitative and quantitative information produced, collected, and disclosed by the Report was reviewed through a validated sampling plan.
- The documents, materials and information related to the report were examined and reviewed by interviewing the responsible persons of each group of SHINFOX ENERGY.
- Interviews with members of the organization related to sustainable development management and report writing, including representatives of all levels and departments.
- All documents, data and information related to the preparation of this report were checked by the verification team through interviews with relevant personnel.
- Check the sufficiency and completeness of supporting materials and evidence for the content of the report.

## CONCLUSION

# **♦** AA1000 Accountability Principles

# Inclusivity

SHINFOX ENERGY has identified stakeholders and maintained communication channels for stakeholders to participate in different important topics to understand the important information that stakeholders are concerned about. The report has provided effective information to its stakeholders.





In the future, the organization will continue its stakeholder identification and communication process to respond to changes in the internal and external environment, and develop relevant indicators to measure the effectiveness, results and impact of stakeholder participation.

# Materiality

SHINFOX ENERGY has established effective processes to identify issues of significance to stakeholders and operational performance. The decision-making mechanism implemented by the organization can focus on materiality issues related to its sustainable development, and the report reflects the organization's priority in handling materiality issues. In the future, the organization will continue to strengthen the evaluation and decision-making process of major topics, so that material issues can be updated and response strategies and management indicators can be developed in a timely manner.

## Responsiveness

SHINFOX ENERGY has developed and implemented a stakeholder response mechanism, clearly announcing relevant policies and communicating with stakeholders, and providing specific responses to the expectations and opinions of stakeholders. In the future, the organization can continue to engagement with stakeholders to develop various policies, norms, codes and goals that meet the expectations of stakeholders.

## **Impact**

SHINFOX ENERGY has understood the environmental impact of its operations and has developed processes to measure, assess and manage the organization's impact. The necessary capabilities and resources have been provided, and the organization is committed to making a comprehensive and balanced disclosure of the measurement and assessment of the impact of the organization on its stakeholders and itself. In the future, the organization can build on its existing foundation and continue to provide resources to support the identification, measurement, assessment and management of impacts.

# ♦ Global Reporting Initiative Sustainability Reporting Standards

Based on the results of the review, we confirmed that the general disclosure and specific disclosure content of the report and the necessary management policy disclosure of major topics have complied with the requirements of GRI Standards. In the future, the organization will continue





to comply with the requirements of reporting standards, compile major theme management content and relevant operational performance, and provide sufficient sustainable development reporting content.

#### ASSURANCE OPINION

AFNOR GROUP has developed a complete sustainability reporting assurance standard based on the verification guidelines of the AA1000 Assurance Standard (v3) and the GRI Standards. Based on the sufficient evidence provided by SHINFOX ENERGY and the facts seen during on-site verification, we adhere to the principle of fairness and issue a statement on the global sustainability reporting standards followed by the organization.

In our opinion, the information and data presented in the Report by SHINFOX ENERGY provides a fair and balanced representation. We believe the focuses on economic, social, and environmental matters in SHINFOX ENERGY in 2023 are well represented.

#### ASSURANCE LEVEL

In accordance with the AA1000 Assurance Standard (v3), we verified this assurance statement corresponding to a moderate level. The scope and methods are as described in this statement.

# LIABILITY

This assurance statement is intended for the use of SHINFOX ENERGY CO., LTD. only. AFNOR is not responsible for any other uses. Our responsibility is only based on the scope and methodology described, and to provide stakeholders an independent assurance statement.

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