

Global Carbon Footprint Assurance Statement 2022/23

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Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer

Statement of verification

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Scope

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP (henceforth referred to as Freshfields) engaged Carbon Footprint Ltd to verify its global GHG emissions and supporting evidence for the period **1st May 2022 to 30th April 2023**. Freshfields is responsible for the information within the GHG inventory. The responsibility of Carbon Footprint Ltd is to provide a conclusion as to whether the statements made are in accordance with the GHG Protocol Corporate Standard.

Methodology

The verification was led by Georgina Whitlock, Senior Environmental Consultant, Carbon Footprint Ltd. Carbon Footprint Ltd completed the review in accordance with the [‘ISO 14064 Part 3 \(2019\): Greenhouse Gases: Specification with guidance for the verification and validation of greenhouse gas statements’](#). The work was undertaken to provide a limited level of assurance with respect to the GHG statements made. Carbon Footprint Ltd believes that the review of the assessment and associated evidence, coupled with this subsequent report, provides a reasonable and fair basis for our conclusion.

The following data was within the scope of the verification (below shows the post-audit results):

Scope	Element	Location based tCO ₂ e	Market based tCO ₂ e
Scope 1:	Natural gas	439.42	439.42
	Other fuels	113.28	113.28
	Company vehicles	30.42	30.42
	Refrigerant loss	0.13	0.13
Scope 1 sub total		583.25	583.25
Scope 2:	Electricity	4,164.72	1,109.90
	District heating & cooling	1,224.12	1,224.12
Scope 2 sub total		5,388.84	2,334.02
Scope 3:	Air travel	8,778.79	8,778.79
	Transmission & Distribution and Well-To-Tank emissions	1,750.73	1,750.73
	Employee commuting	600.35	600.35
	Hotel stays	356.53	356.53
	Communal electricity (generation & T&D)	257.45	257.45
	Taxi travel	134.24	134.24
	Paper	103.44	103.44
	Grey fleet	82.64	82.64
	Hire cars & executive cars	63.61	63.61
	Waste	63.31	63.31
	Rail travel	98.42	98.42
	Water (and wastewater)	18.80	18.80
Scope 3 sub total		12,308.31	12,308.31
Total GHG emissions (Scopes 1, 2 & 3)		18,280.39	15,225.07
Total tCO₂e per employee (FTE)		3.79	3.16

The table below shows the results of Freshfields' environmental KPIs that have been audited by Carbon Footprint Ltd.

Paper consumption:	98 metric tonnes
Water consumption:	44,704 m ³
Waste disposal:	669 metric tonnes

Assurance opinion

Based on the results of our verification process, Carbon Footprint Ltd provides limited assurance of the GHG emissions statement, **and found no evidence that the GHG emissions statement:**

- is not materially correct and is not a fair representation of the GHG emissions data and information;
- has not been prepared in accordance with the GHG Protocol Corporate Standard.

It is our opinion that Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP has established appropriate systems for the collection, aggregation and analysis of quantitative data for determination of GHG emissions for the stated period and boundaries.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Georgina Whitlock".

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