



# LRQA Independent Assurance Statement

Relating to NTT DATA Group Corporation's Environmental and Social Data for the fiscal year 2023

This Assurance Statement has been prepared for NTT DATA Corporation in accordance with our contract.

## Terms of Engagement

LRQA was commissioned by NTT DATA Group Corporation ("the Company") to provide independent assurance on its environmental and social data disclosed in NTT DATA Sustainability Report 2024, Integrated Report 2024 and Sustainability page of its corporate website ("the report") for the fiscal year 2023 (1/4/2023-31/3/2024), against the assurance criteria below to a limited level of assurance at the materiality of the professional judgement of the verifier and using ISAE 3000 (Revised) and ISO 14064-3:2019 for greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

Our assurance engagement covered the Company and its group companies' operations and activities in Japan and overseas countries and specifically the following requirements:<sup>1</sup>

- Verifying conformance with the Company reporting methodologies for the selected datasets:
- Evaluating the accuracy and reliability of the data for only the selected indicators listed below:  
Environmental<sup>2 3</sup>
  - GHG emissions (Scope 1, Scope 2 [Market-based and Location-based], and Scope 3) (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)
  - Energy consumption (MWh)
    - Total energy consumption from renewable sources
    - Consumption of fuel from renewable sources
    - Consumption of purchased/acquired electricity from renewable sources
    - Consumption of purchased/acquired heat from renewable sources
    - Consumption of purchased/acquired steam from sources
    - Consumption of purchased/acquired cooling from renewable sources
    - Consumption of self-generated non-fuel renewable sources
    - Total energy consumption from non-renewable sources
    - Consumption of fuel from non-renewable sources
    - Consumption of purchased/acquired electricity from non-renewable sources
    - Consumption of purchased/acquired heat from non-renewable sources
    - Consumption of purchased/acquired steam from non-renewable sources
    - Consumption of purchased/acquired cooling from non-renewable sources
  - Water Resources (Water withdrawal, Water consumption (evaporation from cooling system) and Water discharge)<sup>4</sup> (m<sup>3</sup>)

### Social<sup>5</sup>

- Number of occupational accidents
- Number of women in management positions [%]
- Expenditures for social contribution activities (in Japanese yen)
- Number of employees with disabilities [Employment ratio]<sup>6</sup>

LRQA's responsibility is only to the Company. LRQA disclaims any liability or responsibility to others as explained in the end footnote. the Company's responsibility is for collecting, aggregating, analysing and presenting all the data

<sup>1</sup> LRQA undertook a limited assurance engagement of the environmental and social data marked with ✓ within NTT DATA Sustainability Report 2024 and Integrated Report 2024.

<sup>2</sup> GHG quantification is subject to inherent uncertainty.

<sup>3</sup> Energy consumption, GHG emissions (Scope 1,2,3) cover NTT DATA Corporation and its group companies in Japan and overseas. (including the verified result of NTT Limited and NTT DATA Europe & Latam, S.L.U)

<sup>4</sup> Water resources cover NTT DATA Corporation's own buildings in Japan .

<sup>5</sup> Number of occupational accidents covers NTT DATA Corporation only. The number of employees with disabilities [Employment ratio] covers NTT DATA Corporation and NTT DATA DAICHI Corporation. Number of women in management positions [Ratio] and the expenditures for social contribution activities cover NTT DATA Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries in Japan.

<sup>6</sup> Number of employees with disabilities is as of 1 June 2023.



and information within the Report and for maintaining effective internal controls over the systems from which the Report is derived. Ultimately, the Report has been approved by, and remains the responsibility of the Company.

### **LRQA’s Opinion**

Based on LRQA’s approach nothing has come to our attention that would cause us to believe that the Company has not, in all material respects:

- Met the requirements of the criteria listed above
- Disclosed accurate and reliable environmental and social data

The opinion expressed is formed on the basis of a limited level of assurance<sup>7</sup> and at the materiality of the professional judgement of the verifier.

### **LRQA’s Approach**

LRQA’s assurance engagements are carried out in accordance with ISAE 3000 (Revised) and ISO 14064-3:2019. The following tasks were undertaken as part of the evidence gathering process for this assurance engagement:

- Auditing the Company’s data management systems to confirm that there were no significant errors, omissions or misstatements in the report. We did this by reviewing the effectiveness of data handling procedures, instructions and systems, including those for internal verification.
- Interviewing with those key people responsible for compiling the data and drafting the report.
- Sampling datasets and traced activity data back to aggregated levels;
- Verifying the historical environmental and social data and records for the fiscal year 2023; and
- Conducting the remote verification to NTT DATA Mitaka west Building, NTT DATA Business Solutions AG. and HQ of the Company for confirming the effectiveness of its data management systems via emails and Microsoft Teams.

### **Observations**

It is expected that the Company will continue to maintain the high-level data management systems to ensure efficient and accurate aggregation and calculation of environmental and social data.

### **LRQA’s Standards, Competence and Independence**

LRQA implements and maintains a comprehensive management system that meets accreditation requirements for ISO 14065 Greenhouse gases – Requirements for greenhouse gas validation and verification bodies for use in accreditation or other forms of recognition and ISO/IEC 17021-1 Conformity assessment – Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems – Part1: Requirements that are at least as demanding as the requirements of the International Standard on Quality Control 1 and comply with the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants.

LRQA ensures the selection of appropriately qualified individuals based on their qualifications, training and experience. The outcome of all verification and certification assessments is then internally reviewed by senior management to ensure that the approach applied is rigorous and transparent.

This is the only work undertaken by LRQA for the Company and as such does not compromise our independence or impartiality

Signed

Dated: 28 June 2024

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<sup>7</sup> The extent of evidence-gathering for a limited assurance engagement is less than for a reasonable assurance engagement. Limited assurance engagements focus on aggregated data rather than physically checking source data at sites. Consequently, the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had a reasonable assurance engagement been performed.



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