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Independent limited assurance report

To the Directors of Home Product Center Public Company Limited (“HMPRO”)

Conclusion

Based on the procedures performed, as described below, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the selected subject matters (“Subject Matters”) identified below and included in the Sustainability Report 2023 (the “Report”) for the year ended 31 December 2023 are not, in all material respects, prepared in compliance with the reporting criteria (the “Criteria”).

Our Responsibilities

We have been engaged by HMPRO and are responsible for providing a limited assurance conclusion in respect of the Subject Matters for the year ended 31 December 2023 to be included in the Report below.

Our assurance engagement is conducted in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements ISAE 3000 (Revised) *Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information* and ISAE 3410 *Assurance on Greenhouse Gas Statements*. These standards require the assurance team to possess the specific knowledge, skills and professional competencies needed to provide assurance on sustainability information, and that we plan and perform the engagement to obtain limited assurance on whether the Subject Matters are prepared, in all material respects, in compliance with the Criteria.

Our Independence and Quality Management

We have complied with the independence and other ethical requirements of the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants’ *International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards)* (IESBA Code), which is founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour. The firm applies International Standard on Quality Management 1 which requires the firm to design, implement and operate a system of quality management including policies or procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards, and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

We have not been engaged to provide an assurance conclusion on any other information disclosed within the Report.

Subject Matters

Subject Matters comprised of the following data expressed numerically or in descriptive text for the year ended 31 December 2023:

- GRI 303-3 Water withdrawal (2018)
- GRI 303-5 Water consumption (2018)
- GRI 305-2 Energy indirect (Scope 2) GHG emissions (2016)

Criteria

The Subject Matters were assessed according to the following criteria:

- The Sustainability Reporting Standards of the Global Reporting Initiative (“GRI Standards”)

Directors’ and management’s responsibilities

The directors and management of HMPRO are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Subject Matters, specifically ensuring that in all material respects the Subject Matters are prepared and presented in accordance with the Criteria. This responsibility also includes the internal controls relevant to the preparation of the Report to ensure they are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.



Procedure performed.

In forming our limited assurance conclusion over the Subject Matters, our procedures consisted of making enquiries and applying analytical and other evidence gathering procedures including:

- Interviews with senior management and relevant staff at corporate and operating sites.
- Inquiries about the design and implementation of the systems and methods used to collect and process the information reported, including the aggregation of source data into the Subject Matters.
- Inquiries about managements practices and procedures related to identifying stakeholders and their expectations, determining material sustainability matters and implementing sustainability policies and guidelines.
- On-site visit at 7 locations: Head Quarter, Future Park Rangsit, Changwattana, Prachachun, Ratchada, Bang Bua Thong, and Ratchapruk branches, are selected on the basis of risk analysis including the consideration of both quantitative and qualitative criteria.
- Agreeing the Subject Matters to relevant underlying sources on a sample basis to determine whether all the relevant information has been included in the Subject Matters and prepared in accordance with the Criteria.

The procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement vary in nature and timing from, and are less in extent than for, a reasonable assurance engagement and consequently the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is substantially lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had a reasonable assurance engagement been performed. Accordingly, we do not express a reasonable assurance opinion.

Inherent limitations

Due to the inherent limitations of any internal control structure, it is possible that errors or irregularities in the information presented in the Report may occur and not be detected. Our engagement is not designed to detect all weaknesses in the internal controls over the preparation and presentation of the Report, as the engagement has not been performed continuously throughout the period and the procedures performed were undertaken on a test basis.

Restriction of use of our report

Our report should not be regarded as suitable to be used or relied on by any party wishing to acquire rights against us other than HMPRO, for any purpose or in any other context. Any party other than HMPRO who obtains access to our report or a copy thereof and chooses to rely on our report (or any part thereof) will do so at its own risk. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we accept or assume no responsibility and deny any liability to any party other than HMPRO for our work, for this independent limited assurance report, or for the conclusions we have reached.

KPMG Phoomchai Audit Ltd.

Bangkok

30 October 2024