

Independent Assurance Statement

To the Board of Directors and Management of T. Halk Bankası A.Ş.,
Istanbul, Turkey

This Assurance Statement ('hereinafter 'Statement') is intended solely for the management of T. Halk Bankası A.Ş. (hereinafter 'Halkbank' or 'the Company') for the purpose of reporting on the Scope 1, Scope 2 and Scope 3 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in its 2019 CDP Climate Change Response (hereinafter 'the Response') that has been prepared by the Company for the year ended 31 December 2018.

Subject Matter Information and Applicable Criteria

We were engaged by the Company to provide limited assurance on the items listed below, together the 'Selected Information' as defined by The Greenhouse Gas Protocol: A Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard (Revised Edition) (hereinafter 'the GHG Protocol').

The scope of our assurance

The scope of our assurance is limited to total Scope 1, Scope 2 and Scope 3 greenhouse gas emissions comprising the relevant facilities in Turkey for the Company's 2019 response to CDP, (together 'the Selected Information') which has been prepared based on the GHG Protocol and the Corporate Value Chain (Scope 3) Accounting & Reporting Standard. Our assurance report should be read in conjunction with the Protocol.

- Scope 1 sources are fossil fuel sources for heating, generators, leased vehicle fleet and refrigerants
- Scope 2 source is purchased electricity
- Scope 3 sources are water supply & treatment, paper use, employee commuting, cargo & postage, accommodation, business travel, waste treatment, well to tank (WTT) emissions and T&D loss emissions not covered in Scope 1 and 2

The Company's Responsibilities

The Company's management is responsible for the preparation, collection and presentation of the Selected Information in accordance with the GHG Protocol. In addition, the Company's management is responsible for ensuring that the documentation provided to the practitioner is complete and accurate. The Company's management is also responsible for maintaining the internal control system that reasonably ensures that the documentation and information described above is free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

Our Responsibilities

We conducted our assurance engagement in accordance with International Assurance Standards, particularly International Standard for Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information ISAE 3000 (revised). These regulations require that we comply with ethical standards and plan and perform our assurance engagement to obtain limited assurance about the Selected Information.

The assurance engagement performed represents a limited assurance engagement. The nature, timing and extent of procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement is limited compared with what is necessary in a reasonable assurance engagement. Consequently, the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is lower.

We apply International Standard on Quality Control 1 (ISQC 1), and accordingly, we maintain a robust system of quality control, including policies and procedures documenting compliance with relevant ethical and professional standards and requirements in law or regulation.

We comply with the independence and other ethical requirements of the IESBA Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, which establishes the fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behavior.

The procedures selected depend on the practitioner's judgment. The procedures include, in particular, inquiry of the personnel responsible

for collecting and reporting on the Selected Information and additional procedures aimed at obtaining evidence about the Selected Information.

In respect of the Selected Information mentioned above the procedures performed include the following procedures:

1. Interviewed select key senior personnel of the Company to understand the current processes in place for capturing the Selected Information pertaining to the reporting period;
2. Reviewed Selected Information on site covering Halkbank Headquarters in Turkey as well as off-site review of the Selected Information pertaining to the Company's other locations in Turkey, against evidence, on a sample basis;
3. Undertook substantive testing, on a sample basis, of the Selected Information;
4. Used the Company's internal documentation to evaluate and measure the Selected Information;
5. Evaluated the design and implementation of key processes and controls over the Selected Information;
6. Re-performed, on a sample basis, calculations used to prepare the Selected Information for the reporting period.
7. Evaluated the disclosure and presentation of Selected Information in the Report.

The limitations of our review

Our assurance scope excludes:

- Data and information other than those mentioned above;
- Data and information outside the defined reporting period i.e. 1st January 2018 to 31st December 2018.
- The Company's statements that describe expression of opinion, belief, aspiration, expectation, aim or future intention provided by the Company;

Our conclusion

As a result of our procedures, nothing has come to our attention that indicates the Selected Information reviewed for the year ended 31 December 2018 is not prepared in all material respects in accordance with the GHG Protocol.

Our assurance team

Our assurance team, comprising of multidisciplinary professionals, has been drawn from our climate change and sustainability network and undertakes similar engagements with a number of significant companies in Turkey and internationally.

We permit this report to be disclosed in T. Halk Bankası A.Ş.'s 2019 CDP Climate Change Response for the year ended 31 December 2018, to enable the Directors of T. Halk Bankası A.Ş. to show they have addressed their governance responsibilities by obtaining an independent assurance report in connection with the Selected Information. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Directors as a body and T. Halk Bankası A.Ş. for our work or this report except where terms are expressly agreed between us in writing.

for Güney Bağımsız Denetim ve Serbest Muhasebeci Mali Müşavirlik A.Ş.

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