



Independent assurance statement

Scope and approach

Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Ltd. ('TSMC' or 'the Company') commissioned DNV Business Assurance Co. Ltd. ("DNV") to undertake independent assurance of the 2022 Sustainability Report (the "Report") for the year ended 31 December 2022.

We performed our work using DNV's assurance methodology VeriSustain™¹, which is based on our professional experience, international assurance best practice including International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 (ISAE 3000) and the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Sustainability Reporting Standards.

The Report also incorporated the relative sustainability reporting guidelines, such as Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB) Semiconductors Sustainability Accounting Standard and Recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD).

We evaluated the performance data using the reliability principle together with TSMC data protocols for how the data are measured, recorded and reported. The performance data in scope was against TSMC's significant Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) issues and the 2030 sustainability commitment and the topics set forth in the GRI standards 2021.

We understand that the reported financial data and information are based on data from TSMC's Annual Report and Accounts, which are subject to a separate independent audit process. The review of financial data taken from the Annual Report and Accounts is not within the scope of our work.

We planned and performed our work to obtain the evidence we considered necessary to provide a basis for our assurance opinion. We are providing a 'moderate / limited level' of assurance.

Responsibilities of the Directors of TSMC and of the assurance providers

The Directors of TSMC have sole responsibility for the preparation of the Report. In performing our assurance work, our responsibility is to the management of TSMC; however, our statement represents our independent opinion and is intended to inform all of TSMC stakeholders. DNV was not involved in the preparation of any statements or data included in the Report except for this Assurance Statement.

DNV provides a range of other services to TSMC, none of which constitute a conflict of interest with this assurance work.

DNV's assurance engagements are based on the assumption that the data and information provided by the client to us as part of our review have been provided in good faith. DNV expressly disclaims any liability or co-responsibility for any decision a person or an entity may make based on this Assurance Statement.

Basis of our opinion

A multi-disciplinary team of sustainability and assurance specialists performed work at headquarters and site level. We undertook the following activities:

- Review of the current sustainability issues that could affect TSMC and are of interest to stakeholders;
- Review of TSMC approach to stakeholder engagement and recent outputs;

¹ The VeriSustain protocol is available on [dnv.com](https://www.dnv.com)



- Review of information provided to us by TSMC on its reporting and management processes relating to the Principles;
- Interview with selected Directors and senior managers responsible for management of sustainability issues and review of selected evidence to support issues discussed. People who worked in functions for financial, legal, environment (including climate change & energy, air emission, water resource, chemical and waste management), human resource, safety, procurement, wellness, product development, information security, intellectual property, trade secret and TSMC cultural and educational foundation were chosen to interview;
- Site visits to HQ in Taiwan, remoting meeting with other production sites to review process and systems for preparing site level sustainability data and implementation of sustainability strategy. Sites chosen were based on materiality issues;
- Review of supporting evidence for key claims and data in the report. Our checking processes were prioritised according to materiality, and we based our prioritisation on the materiality of issues at a consolidated corporate level;
- Review of the processes for gathering and consolidating the specified performance data and, for a sample, checking the data consolidation. Where financial data had been checked by another third party, and, where data of scope 1, 2 and 3 of Green House Gases Emission has been verified by DNV, we tested transposition from these sources to the report; Where relevant data and information has been generated from a certified management system note which data and management system certification and that this was considered;
- An independent assessment of TSMC's reporting against the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Standards 2021.
- There was a confidential issue that we cannot assess the salary data. The verification was conducted based only on the Chinese version Report.

Opinion

On the basis of the work undertaken, nothing came to our attention to suggest that the Report does not properly describe TSMC's adherence to the Principles.

TSMC has developed its own data management system for capturing and reporting its ESG performances. In accordance with DNV VeriSustain Protocol requirements for a moderate / limited level assurance engagement, we conclude that no systematic errors were detected which causes us to believe that the specified sustainability data and information presented in the Report is not reliable.

Observations

Without affecting our assurance opinion, we also provide the following observations.

The following is an excerpt from the observations and opportunities reported back to the management of TSMC.

- Considering the completeness, balance and transparency of data disclosure, it would be advisable to disclose the environment information and establish targets (i.e. reducing discharge or emission) of domestic and overseas facilities with same scope and depth.
- To effectively achieve resource cycling goals and performance, it would be beneficial to include overseas facilities in this effort. Currently, only TSMC's Taiwan factory appears to be prioritizing this aspect.

Sustainability Context

Sustainability Report provides an accurate and fair representation of the level of implementation of related ESG policies and meets the content requirements of the GRI Standards 2021.



Materiality

The materiality determination process was revalidated based on survey from key stakeholders including employees, customers, suppliers / contractors, NGOs, governments, shareholders, investors, regulatory bodies, local communities and senior management of TSMC and has not missed out any significant and known material issues about the Semiconductor Sector. A methodology has been developed to evaluate the priority of these issues and identified priority issues are fairly covered in the Report. An internal assessment process for monitoring and management on a continual basis for their long-term organisational sustainability has been established.

Completeness

The Report has fairly attempted to disclose the generic disclosures and management approaches and performances of identified material topics for GRI Standards 2021. The reporting of performance and data are within the Company's reporting boundary and reporting period except for certain material topics. A system to report the performances of material topics are being established and set the internal timelines for disclosure.

Accuracy and Reliability

The majority of data and information verified at the Corporate Office and sampling operational sites were found to be accurate and nothing came to our attention to suggest that reported data have not been properly collated from information reported at operational level, nor that the assumptions used were inappropriate. Some of the data inaccuracies identified during the verification process were found to be attributable to transcription, interpretation and aggregation errors and the errors have been communicated for correction.

Inclusivity

The Company has identified the expectations of stakeholders through internal mechanisms in dialogue with different groups of stakeholders. The stakeholder concerns are well identified and documented. The significant ESG issues identified through this process are reflected in the Report.

Responsiveness:

TSMC 2022 Sustainability Report meets the content requirements of the GRI Standards 2021. The report provides an accurate and fair representation of the level of implementation of related ESG policies.

The Company has adequately responded to stakeholder concerns through its policies, ESG Committee, and quarterly / annual financial report, and this is reflected in the Report.

Impact

The Company presents the impacts related to its identified material topics by measuring and monitoring impacts through appropriate performance metrics demonstrating outcomes and outputs of its value creation processes. Nothing has come to our attention to suggest that the Report does not meet the requirements related to the Principle of Impact.

For and on behalf of DNV Taiwan

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