



Independent Assurance Report

To the Management of Matsuda Sangyo Co., Ltd.

We were engaged by Matsuda Sangyo Co., Ltd. (the “Company”) to undertake a reasonable assurance engagement of whether the Company’s description of the corrective action it implemented, as set forth in the Corrective Action Report detailing the Company’s actions to correct the non-compliances identified in our assurance engagement of the Company’s Compliance Report for the year ended 31 March 2023, is consistent, in all material respects, with the corrective actions that the Company implemented.

The Company’s responsibility

The management of the Company is responsible for the description of the Company’s corrective actions set forth in the Corrective Action Report, and the implementation of the corrective actions.

Our responsibility

Our responsibility is to carry out a reasonable assurance engagement in order to express a conclusion based on the work performed. We conducted our assurance engagement in accordance with the ‘International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000, Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information’ issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board and the guidance set out in the LPPM Responsible Sourcing Programme - Third Party Audit Guidance (the “Audit Guidance”).

This report has been prepared for the Company for the purpose of assisting the management in determining whether the Company has implemented its corrective actions as set forth in the Corrective Action Report and for no other purpose. Our assurance report is made solely to the Company in accordance with the terms of our engagement. We do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company for our work, or for the conclusions we have reached in the assurance report.

Inherent limitations

Non-financial information, such as that included in the Company’s Corrective Action Report, is subject to more inherent limitations than financial information, given the more qualitative characteristics of the subject matter and the methods used for determining such information.

Conclusion

In our opinion, the Company’s description of the corrective actions it implemented, as set forth in the Corrective Action Report, is consistent, in all material respects, with the corrective actions that the Company implemented.

Independence, quality management and competency statement

We have complied with the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants, which includes independence and other requirements founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behavior. In accordance with International Standard on Quality Management 1, we 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.

In conducting our engagement, we confirm that we satisfy the criteria for assurance providers as set out in the Audit Guidance to carry out the assurance engagement.

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