

# **LRQA Independent Assurance Statement**

# Relating to Ameriprise Financial, Inc. for Calendar Year 2019

This Assurance Statement has been prepared for Ameriprise Financial, Inc. in accordance with our contract.

## **Terms of Engagement**

Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance (LRQA) was commissioned by Ameriprise Financial, Inc. (Ameriprise) to provide independent assurance on its 'assertion' ("the Report") for calendar year 2019 against the assurance criteria below to a limited level of assurance using ISO 14064 - Part 3 for greenhouse gas data.

Our assurance engagement covered only Ameriprise's Financial Center and Client Service Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota and specifically the following requirements:

- Verifying conformance with:
  - Ameriprise's reporting methodologies for the selected datasets: Scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions with no exclusions
  - World Resources Institute / World Business Council for Sustainable Development Greenhouse Gas
    Protocol: A corporate accounting and reporting standard, revised edition (otherwise referred to as the
    WRI/WBCSD GHG Protocol) for the GHG data<sup>1</sup>
  - Department of Energy Voluntary Reporting of Greenhous Gases (1605(b)) Program
- Evaluating the accuracy and reliability of data and information for only the selected indicators listed below:
  - Direct (Scope 1) and Energy Indirect (Scope 2) GHG emissions

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

#### **LRQA's Opinion**

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

- Met the requirements of the criteria listed above; and
- Disclosed accurate and reliable performance data and information as summarized in Table 1 below.

The opinion expressed is formed on the basis of a limited level of assurance<sup>2</sup> and at the materiality of the professional judgement of the verifier.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> http://www.ghgprotocol.org/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</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.



Table 1. Summary of Ameriprise's GHG Emissions for CY2019:

Scope of GHG emissions	Quantity	Unit
Scope 1 GHG emissions	2,306	Metric Tonnes CO2e
Scope 2 GHG emissions (Location-based)	15,812	Metric Tonnes CO2e
Scope 2 GHG emissions (Market-based)	10,586	Metric Tonnes CO2e

Note 1: Scope 2, Location-based and Scope 2, Market-based are defined in the GHG Protocol Scope 2 Guidance, 2015

### LRQA's Approach

LRQA's assurance engagements are carried out in accordance with our verification procedure. The following tasks were undertaken as part of the evidence gathering process for this assurance engagement:

- Interviewed relevant staff of the organization responsible for managing each data set;
- Checked the reported data against aggregated data and primary records provided by Ameriprise; and
- Recalculated GHG emissions to confirm the reporting methodology.

#### **LRQA's Standards and Competence**

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 Conformity assessment – Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems 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.

Signed Dated: 17 June 2020

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