



## BUSINESS ASSURANCE

# SUSTAINABILITY REPORT ASSURANCE

Building trust and increasing transparency

**Independent assurance strengthens stakeholder trust, increases brand credibility and supports corporate reputation. Internally, it helps identify risks and emerging trends, improves business processes and raises awareness amongst senior managers and key decision makers.**

DNV GL is a recognised leader in the assurance of sustainability and corporate responsibility reporting. Our assurance provides an external and independent view over the reliability of a company's sustainability performance and reporting.

We work with global organisations to tailor our assurance so it delivers genuine value to key stakeholders and offers business insight to have a lasting impact.

Our assurance helps demonstrate that reporting is reliable, complete, balanced and accurate.

### THE BENEFITS OF OUR ASSURANCE APPROACH

In our experience, assurance done right:

- Builds trust over the validity of sustainability performance
- Demonstrates credibility
- Provides constructive support acting as a "critical friend"
- Helps identify key areas of risk and opportunity
- Strengthens stakeholder communication
- Improves engagement amongst senior executives and the Board

## Our assurance expertise

DNV GL is a leader in assurance, certification, verification and assessment. Over the past ten years we have carried out hundreds of assurance assignments working with organisations from every sector.

We know the sustainability issues that matter most to different stakeholders and industries. Through our broader Sustainability Assessment work, we deliver a range of other services from stakeholder engagement and materiality assessments to support on sustainability strategy.

### Technology & Media

- The Guardian
- VimpelCom

### Retail

- Marks & Spencer
- The Co-operative

### Infrastructure & Materials

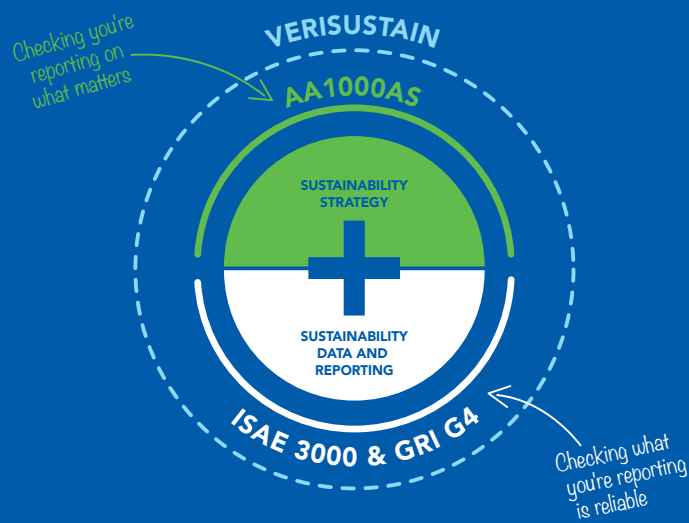
- Heathrow Airport
- ABB

### Food & Beverages

- Coca-Cola Enterprises
- Unilever

### Energy & Utilities

- BG Group
- URENCO



## Giving you the complete picture

We follow our VeriSustain™ protocol, which is aligned with the ISAE3000 & AA1000AS standards and the GRI G4 framework.

And crucially, by including the rigour of both data and principles based assurance, we not only give an opinion on whether the sustainability data is reliable, but whether the right issues have been disclosed in the first place.

This helps move assurance away from being a tick-box exercise focused entirely on data, to being a more meaningful assessment over whether your sustainability reporting is giving an honest, complete and balanced view.

## We take an integrated approach

As sustainability reporting evolves, so does our assurance work. We offer a flexible approach to assurance, recognising that different organisations choose different ways to communicate their suitability performance.

We can assure both printed and online reports, performance against targets, GRI disclosures, stakeholder engagement processes and progress against Green Bond commitments.



We invest time in getting to know new clients – making for a smoother assurance process



We communicate assurance findings as they arise – no nasty surprises



Senior-level involvement throughout the assurance project – you are in experienced hands



We give constructive feedback – helping improve internal controls and reporting practices



We are at the forefront of sustainability research and development

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