

# Verification statement

## To the stakeholders of AIB Group p.l.c., (AIB)

Carbon Clear Limited trading as EcoAct was engaged by AIB of Bankcentre, Ballsbridge, Dublin, Ireland to conduct limited verification of its 2019 carbon footprint, using the International Standard Organisation's 14064-3:2019 specification with guidance for the validation and verification of greenhouse gas assertions.

## Opinion

Based on the data and information provided by AIB and the verification processes followed, nothing has come to EcoAct's attention to indicate that the following GHG statements are not fairly stated and free from material error.

Scope 1 emissions	4,784 tCO <sub>2</sub> e
Scope 2 emissions*	10,025 tCO <sub>2</sub> e
Scope 3 emissions	14,460 tCO <sub>2</sub> e
Outside of scope**	16 tCO <sub>2</sub> e

*\*Location based emissions factors were used to calculate the Scope 2 emissions for the group. If a market-based factor was applied, Scope 2 emissions would be 64 tCO<sub>2</sub>e.*

*\*\*CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from biomass combustion*

## Objective

The objective of this verification was to confirm whether the GHG statements as reported in AIB's 2020 CDP response were fairly stated and free from material error or omission in accordance with the criteria outlined below.

## Criteria

The AIB carbon footprint was calculated using The Greenhouse Gas Protocol: A Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard, Revised Edition (the GHG Protocol); the UK Government's emission conversion factors for greenhouse gas company reporting (2019); the International Energy Agency electricity emissions factors (2019).

The organisational boundary of AIB is defined as the company's operations and activities in Ireland, the UK and the US. Emissions were calculated from activities under AIB's operational control. Operations and activities in the carbon footprint boundary include fuels for heating and transport at offices, branches and centres, refrigerant gases, purchased electricity, business travel, employee

commuting, water use, waste production and disposal, IT provision and paper use.

## Description of activities

Data and calculations reviewed included those related to Scope 1 Emissions, (combustion of fuels), Scope 2 Emissions, (purchased electricity) and Scope 3 Emissions, (business travel, employee commuting).

EcoAct's verification team identified emissions sources material to the carbon footprint and verified their activity data through the review and testing of consolidated data and evidence, along with the testing of a sample of data back to its primary source. We then verified the carbon footprint calculations and the GHG statements in accordance with the organisational and operational boundaries outlined above.

Amendments to the carbon footprint calculation, to correct minor data discrepancies, were made during the verification process by the calculation team. These discrepancies were not material to the data reported above.

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## Statement of independence

EcoAct is an independent company specialising in carbon management consulting and in the calculation of carbon footprints, with extensive experience in the verification of carbon data, information, systems and processes. The data required for the greenhouse gas assertion described in this statement was compiled by AIB Group plc.

The greenhouse gas assertions described in this statement were calculated by EcoAct's carbon footprint calculation team. No member of the verification team was involved in the carbon footprint calculation process. No member of the EcoAct team has a business relationship with AIB Group plc., its Directors or Managers beyond that required of this assignment. To our knowledge there has been no conflict of interest.