

# **Verification statement**

### To the stakeholders of AIB Group plc

EcoAct was engaged by AIB Group plc (AIB) at 10 Molesworth Street, Dublin, D02 R126 to provide independent third-party limited verification of its direct (Scope 1) and indirect (Scope 2) greenhouse gas emissions, as detailed in the company's carbon footprint calculation for the period 1<sup>st</sup> of January to 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2024.

#### **OBJECTIVE & RESPONSIBILITIES**

The objective of the GHG emissions verification was to confirm whether the GHG statements as reported in AIB's Annual report for FY24 were fairly stated and free from material error or omission in accordance with the criteria outlined below.

The management of AIB are responsible for the organisation's emissions sources and GHG related information as well as the development and maintenance of records and procedures in accordance with its reporting requirements. The EcoAct verification team's responsibility is to express an independent verification opinion on the accuracy of the GHG emissions reported by AIB and supporting processes and procedures in place to aggregate and analyse data.

#### **CRITERIA**

Criteria against which the verification assessment was undertaken:

- Calculation methodology: World Resources Institute/World Business Council for Sustainable Development Greenhouse Gas Protocol: A Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard, Revised Edition (the GHG Protocol) using 9 months of actual data and 3 months of extrapolations.
- Reference methodologies: UK Government Conversion Factors for greenhouse gas (GHG)
  reporting 2024 (DEFRA Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs), The
  Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland 2024, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 2024
  and other emissions factors as required.

## LEVEL OF VERIFICATION AND MATERIALITY

A limited level of verification aligned with the ISO 14064-3:2019 standard with specification and guidance for the verification and validation of greenhouse gas statements was conducted.

The organisational boundary of AIB was established as including its operational sites across Europe (UK and Ireland) and the US in FY24. The carbon footprint was calculated by AIB using the operational control approach. The verification team reviewed the source data from AIB's GHG Emissions report, to identify emissions sources material to the carbon footprint.

### **VERIFICATION OPINION**

Based on the data and information provided by AIB and the processes and procedures followed, nothing has come to EcoAct's attention to indicate that the GHG emissions totals for Scope 1 and 2 reported for FY24 are not fairly stated and free from material error. The final, verified emissions total was **7,267 tCO<sub>2</sub>e** (location-based).

AIB's Carbon Emissions sources	2024 Emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> e) <sup>1</sup>
Scope 1 Emissions	2,875
Scope 2 Emissions (location-based)	4,391
Scope 2 Emissions (market-based)	813
Total tCO <sub>2</sub> e Scope 1&2 (location-based)	7,267
Total tCO₂e Scope 1&2 (market-based)	3,688
Outside-of-scopes emissions <sup>2</sup>	27

 $<sup>^1</sup>$  All figures are rounded numbers, therefore totals are not always the sum of rounded parts.

# **DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES**

In accordance with the Limited Verification requirement, EcoAct selected and verified sufficient and appropriate level of evidence and data calculations to form the basis for our verification opinion. Selected data for verification included: Scope 1 emissions (combustion of fuels and refrigerants) and Scope 2 emissions (electricity and heat).

The verification of AIB's emissions related information was conducted through the review and testing of its emissions calculations and selected primary evidence. The verification was based on 9 months of data and 3 months of extrapolations to cover the 12 months of the reporting period. EcoAct engaged closely with stakeholders responsible for entering data in the GHG reporting system and for reporting to discuss the systems, processes and methodologies used to compile the GHG report for FY24.

Amendments to the carbon footprint calculation, to correct data discrepancies, were made during the verification process by the AIB team, prior to the finalisation of the GHG emissions totals. These discrepancies were not material to the data reported above.

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**Independent review** 

EcoAct, London, February 2025

## STATEMENT OF INDEPENDENCE

EcoAct is an independent carbon management company. Our team has extensive experience in the verification of carbon data, information, systems and processes.

The data required for the greenhouse gas calculations described herein were compiled by AIB. No member of the EcoAct verification team has a business relationship with AIB, its Directors or Managers beyond that required of this assignment. To our knowledge there has been no conflict of interest.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Biogenic emissions from biofuel.