



Independent Practitioner's Limited Assurance Report to Croda International plc

Report on Croda International plc's selected sustainability information for the year ended 31 December 2024

Conclusion

We have performed a limited assurance engagement on whether selected information in Croda International plc's ("Croda" or the "Company") Annual Report and Accounts 2024 and/or Sustainability Impact Report 2024 (together the "Reports") for the year ended 31 December 2024 has been properly prepared in accordance with Croda's Reporting Criteria 2024 as set out at <https://www.croda.com/en-gb/sustainability> (the "Reporting Criteria"). The information within the Reports that were subject to assurance are indicated with the symbol "Δ" (the "Selected Information") and are also listed in Appendix A.

Based on the procedures performed and evidence obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the Selected Information has not been properly prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Reporting Criteria.

Our conclusion is to be read in the context of the remainder of this report, in particular the "Inherent limitations in preparing the Selected Information" and "Intended use of our report" sections below.

Our conclusion on the Selected Information does not extend to other information that accompanies or contains the Selected Information and our assurance report (hereafter referred to as "Other Information"). We have not performed any procedures as part of this engagement with respect to such Other Information. As part of a separate engagement, KPMG LLP audited the financial statements, and the part of the Directors' Remuneration Report required to be audited. These are included within the Other Information and the audit report thereon is also included within the Other Information.

Basis for conclusion

We conducted our engagement in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements (UK) 3000 *Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information* ("ISAE (UK) 3000") issued by the Financial Reporting Council ("FRC") and, in respect of the greenhouse gas emissions information included within the Selected Information, in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3410 *Assurance Engagements on Greenhouse Gas Statements* ("ISAE 3410") issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board ("IAASB"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "Our responsibilities" section of our report.

We have complied with the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales ("ICAEW") Code of Ethics, which includes independence and other ethical requirements founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour, that are at least as demanding as the applicable provisions of the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants ("IESBA") International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards).

Our firm applies International Standard on Quality Management (UK) 1 *Quality Management for Firms that Perform Audits or Reviews of Financial Statements, or Other Assurance or Related Services Engagements* ("ISQM (UK) 1"), issued by the FRC, which requires the firm to 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.

We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our conclusion.

Inherent limitations in preparing the Selected Information

The nature of non-financial information; the absence of a significant body of established practice on which to draw; and the methods and precision used to determine non-financial information, allow for different, but acceptable, evaluation and measurement techniques and can result in materially different measurements, affecting comparability between entities and over time.



As described on page 6 of the Reporting Criteria, the greenhouse gas (“GHG”) emissions quantification process is subject to scientific uncertainty, which arises because of incomplete scientific knowledge about the measurement of GHGs; and estimation (or measurement) uncertainty resulting from the measurement and calculation processes used to quantify emissions within the bounds of existing scientific knowledge.

The Reporting Criteria has been developed to assist Croda in reporting the selected sustainability information in order to measure its progress against its sustainability strategy. As a result, the Selected Information may not be suitable for another purpose.

Directors’ responsibilities

The Directors of Croda are responsible for:

- designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and presentation of the Selected Information that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error;
- selecting and developing suitable Reporting Criteria for preparing the Selected Information;
- properly preparing the Selected Information in accordance with the Reporting Criteria; and
- the contents and statements contained within the Reports and the Reporting Criteria.

Our responsibilities

We are responsible for:

- planning and performing the engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the Selected Information is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error;
- forming an independent limited assurance conclusion, based on the procedures we have performed and the evidence we have obtained; and
- reporting our conclusion to Croda.

Summary of the work we performed as the basis for our conclusion

We exercised professional judgment and maintained professional scepticism throughout the engagement. We planned and performed our procedures to obtain evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to obtain a meaningful level of assurance over the Selected Information to provide a basis for our limited assurance conclusion. Planning the engagement involves assessing whether Croda’s Reporting Criteria is suitable for the purposes of our limited assurance engagement. Our procedures are selected depending on our judgement, on our understanding of the Selected Information and other engagement circumstances, and our consideration of areas where material misstatements are likely to arise.

In carrying out our engagement, we performed procedures which included:

- conducting interviews with Croda’s management to obtain an understanding of the key processes, systems and controls in place over the preparation of the Selected Information;
- selected limited substantive testing, including agreeing a selection of the Selected Information to the corresponding supporting information, e.g. invoices;
- evaluating whether Croda’s methods for developing key estimates are appropriate and are consistently applied, but did not include separately developing our own estimates against which to evaluate Croda’s estimates;
- considering the appropriateness of the carbon conversion factor calculations and other unit conversion factor calculations used by reference to widely recognised and established conversion factors;



- re-performing a selection of the carbon conversion factor calculations and other unit conversion factor calculations;
- comparing employee data used to prepare the Selected Information to the Human Resources IT system;
- re-performing the mathematical calculation of the Selected Information in accordance with the Reporting Criteria; and
- reading the Reports with regard to the Reporting Criteria and for consistency with our findings over the Selected Information.

The procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement vary in nature and timing from, and are less in extent than for, a reasonable assurance engagement. Consequently, the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is substantially lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had a reasonable assurance engagement been performed. Our procedures did not include:

- Testing the calibration of meters, reperforming meter readings, or physical visits to the sites which provided the source data for the GHG emissions and water withdrawal Selected Information; or
- Examination of the accuracy of the underlying data self-declared by employees within the Human Resources IT system operated by Croda.

Intended use of our report

Our report has been prepared for Croda solely in accordance with the terms of our engagement. We have consented to the publication of our report Croda's website at <https://www.croda.com/en-gb/sustainability> for the purpose of Croda showing that it has obtained an independent assurance report in connection with the Selected Information.

Our report was designed to meet the agreed requirements of Croda, determined by Croda's needs at the time. Our report should not therefore be regarded as suitable to be used or relied on by any party wishing to acquire rights against us other than Croda for any purpose or in any context. Any party other than Croda who obtains access to our report or a copy and chooses to rely on our report (or any part of it) will do so at its own risk. To the fullest extent permitted by law, KPMG LLP will accept no responsibility or liability in respect of our report to any other party.

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24 February 2025

The maintenance and integrity of Croda's website is the responsibility of the Directors of Croda; the work carried out by us does not involve consideration of these matters and, accordingly, we accept no responsibility for any changes that may have occurred to the reported Selected Information, Reporting Criteria or Reports presented on Croda's website since the date of our report.



Appendix A:

Metric	Unit	Value	Where it appears (Annual Report and Accounts ("ARA") / Sustainability Impact Report ("SIR") / Both)
Scope 1 GHG emissions	Tonnes CO2e	95,931	ARA
Scope 2 GHG emissions (location- based)	Tonnes CO2e	70,403	ARA
Scope 2 GHG emissions (market- based)	Tonnes CO2e	15,900	ARA
Scope 3 GHG emissions (upstream)	Tonnes CO2e	830,763	SIR
Emissions intensity	Tonnes CO2e/£m value add	151	ARA
Total energy consumption	kWh	893,438,063	ARA
Carbon emissions avoided through use of products	Tonnes CO2e	790,122	SIR
Land area saved	Hectares	163,402	Both
Carbon cover ratio	Ratio	0.84	SIR
% organic raw materials bio-based	%	56	Both
% leadership roles held by women	%	41	SIR
% women in workforce	%	40	ARA
% women on the Board	%	40	ARA
% available leadership positions filled by women	%	44.6	ARA
Water withdrawal	MI	3,248	SIR