

# **Independent Assurance Statement**

#### C690338

DNV Business Assurance Norway AS ('DNV') has been commissioned by Cool Company Management AS to undertake an independent assurance of a sub-set of data and information disclosed in Cool Company Ltd. (hereafter referred to as CoolCo or 'the Company') ESG Report 2023 Appendix 1 - Key facts and figures (hereafter referred as the 'Appendix') for the year ended 31st December 2023.

# Assurance approach

This assurance engagement has been carried out in accordance with DNV's VeriSustain protocol, V6.0, which is based on our professional experience and international assurance best practice including the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000 revised - 'Assurance Engagements other than Audits and Reviews of Historical Financial Information' (revised), issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. This standard requires that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the assurance engagement to obtain limited and reasonable assurance.

DNV applies its own management standards and compliance policies for quality control, in accordance with ISO/IEC 17029:2019 - Conformity assessment, whose general principles are requirements for validation and verification bodies. Accordingly, DNV maintains a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards, and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

We performed the activities applying a limited level of assurance for a selection of indicators, as described in the following sections.

The procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement vary in nature and timing from, and are less detailed than, those undertaken during a reasonable assurance engagement, so the level of assurance obtained is substantially lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had a reasonable assurance engagement been performed. We planned and performed our work to obtain the evidence we considered sufficient to provide a basis for our conclusion, so that the risk of this conclusion being in error is reduced, but not reduced completely.

We have not performed any work, and do not express any conclusion, on any other information that may be published outside of the Appendix and/or on CoolCo's website for the current reporting period.

# Reporting criteria for selected information

The Selected Information has been prepared by CoolCo with reference to CoolCo's own Reporting Criteria described in the "CoolCo ESG methodology statement" dated 16.04.2024 ("Reporting Criteria").

The SASB Standards have not been used as a reporting criteria for the Selected Information in this assurance engagement, although it has been referenced in the Appendix 1 table.

## Responsibilities of the Directors of CoolCo and of the assurance providers

The Management of CoolCo has sole responsibility for:

- Preparing and presenting the selected information;
- Designing, implementing and maintaining effective internal controls over the information and data, resulting in the
  preparation of the selected Information that is free from material misstatements;
- Measuring and reporting the selected information.

DNV's responsibility is to plan and perform the work to obtain assurance about whether the selected information has been prepared with reference to the reporting requirements and to report to CoolCo in the form of an independent assurance conclusion, based on the work performed and the evidence obtained.

Our statement represents our independent opinion and is intended to inform all stakeholders. DNV was not involved in the preparation of any statements or data included in the Appendices except for this Independent Assurance Statement.

#### Scope of assurance

The scope of our engagement includes the following disclosures ('Selected information'):

• ESG Performance Indicators disclosed in the Appendix 1 of CoolCo's ESG Report, which are tagged with "1" in the Appendix table.

# Our competence, independence and quality control

DNV's established policies and procedures are designed to ensure that DNV, its personnel and, where applicable, others are subject to independence requirements (including personnel of other entities of DNV) and maintain independence where required by relevant ethical requirements. This engagement work was carried out by an independent team of sustainability assurance professionals. We have no other contract with CoolCo.

Our multi-disciplinary team consisted of professionals with a combination of sustainability assurance experiences.



#### Inherent limitations

DNV's assurance engagements are based on the assumption that the data and information provided by the Company to us as part of our review have been provided in good faith, are true, and are free from material misstatements. Because of the selected nature (sampling) and other inherent limitations of both procedures and systems of internal control, there remains the unavoidable risk that errors or irregularities, possibly significant, may not have been detected.

The engagement excludes the sustainability management, performance, and reporting practices of the Company's suppliers, contractors, and any third parties mentioned in the Appendices. We did not interview external stakeholders as part of this assurance engagement.

We understand that the reported financial data, governance, and related information are based on statutory disclosures and Audited Financial Statements, which are subject to a separate independent statutory audit process. We did not review financial disclosures and data as they are not within the scope of our assurance engagement.

The assessment is limited to data and information in scope within the defined reporting period. Any data outside this period is not considered within the scope of assurance.

DNV expressly disclaims any liability or co-responsibility for any decision a person or an entity may make based on this Independent Assurance Statement.

#### Basis of our conclusions

As part of the assurance process, a multi-disciplinary team of assurance specialists performed assurance work for selected sites of CoolCo. We adopted a risk-based approach, that is, we concentrated our assurance efforts on the issues of high material relevance to the Company's business and its key stakeholders. Our limited assurance procedures included, but were not limited to, the following activities:

- Review of the disclosures according to reporting requirements. Our focus included selected ESG disclosures and management processes;
- Understanding of the key systems, processes and controls for collecting, managing and reporting disclosures and KPIs in the Appendix;
- Walk-through of key data sets. Understanding and testing, on a sample basis, of the processes used to adhere to and evaluate adherence to the reporting requirements;
- Collect and evaluate documentary evidence and management representations supporting adherence to the reporting principles and requirements;
- Interviews with the senior managers responsible for management of disclosures. We were free to choose
  interviewees and interviewed those with overall responsibility of monitoring, data consolidation and reporting of
  the selected information;

As part of our data review of the ESG Metrics, our assurance scope for waste data was limited to CoolCo's owned vessels in 2023. The data testing included Kool Frost and Kool Crystal.

## Our conclusions

## **Limited Level of Assurance**

On the basis of the work undertaken, nothing came to our attention to suggest that the Selected Information as described in 'Scope of assurance' is not fairly stated and has not been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Reporting Criteria specified in this Statement.

For and on behalf of DNV Business Assurance Norway AS Høvik, Norway 17.05.2024

Lead Verifier

Technical Reviewer