

# Reasonable Assurance Report of the Independent Auditor regarding the Combined Non-financial Statement<sup>1</sup>

To the Supervisory Board of Continental AG, Hannover

We have performed an independent reasonable assurance engagement on the combined non-financial statement in section "Combined Corporate Non-Financial Statement" of Continental AG, Hannover, (further „Continental“) and the group as well as the by reference qualified part "Corporate Profile" of the combined management report (further: „Statement“) according to §§ 315b and 315c in conjunction with 289b to 289e German Commercial Code (HGB) for the business year from January 1 to December 31, 2018.

## **Management's Responsibility**

The legal representatives of Continental are responsible for the preparation of the Statement in accordance with §§ 315b and 315c in conjunction with 289b to 289e HGB.

This responsibility of the legal representatives includes the selection and application of appropriate methods to prepare the Statement and the use of assumptions and estimates for individual disclosures, which are reasonable under the given circumstances. Furthermore, this responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining systems and processes relevant for the preparation of the Statement in a way that is free of – intended or unintended – material misstatements.

## **Independence and quality assurance on the part of the auditing firm**

We are independent from the entity in accordance with the requirements of independence and quality assurance set out in legal provisions and professional pronouncements and have fulfilled our additional professional obligations in accordance with these requirements.

Our audit firm applies the national statutory provisions and professional pronouncements for quality assurance, in particular the Professional Code for German Public Auditors and Chartered Accountants (in Germany) and the quality assurance standard of the German Institute of Public Auditors (Institut der Wirtschaftsprüfer, IDW) regarding quality assurance requirements in audit practice (IDW QS 1).

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<sup>1</sup> Our engagement applied to the German version of the Report 2018. This text is a translation of the Independent Assurance Report issued in the German, whereas the German text is authoritative.

## Practitioner's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the Statement based on our work performed within our reasonable assurance engagement.

We conducted our work in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000 (Revised): "Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information" published by IAASB.

This Standard requires that we plan and perform the assurance engagement to obtain reasonable assurance that the Statement of the entity for the business year January 1 to December 31, 2018 has been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with §§ 315b and 315c in conjunction with 289b to 289e HGB. We do not, however, provide a separate conclusion for each disclosure. The choice of audit procedures is subject to the auditor's own judgement.

Within the scope of our engagement, we performed amongst others the following assurance procedures:

- Inquiries of personnel on corporate level, who are responsible for the materiality analysis, in order to gain an understanding of the processes for determining material sustainability topics and respective reporting boundaries of Continental
- A risk analysis, including a media search, to identify relevant information on Continental sustainability performance in the reporting period
- Evaluation of the design and implementation of the systems and processes for determining, processing and monitoring disclosures relating to environmental, employee and social matters, respect for human rights, and combating corruption and bribery
- Inquiries of personnel on corporate level who are responsible for determining disclosures on concepts, due diligence processes, results and risks, for conducting internal controls and consolidation of the disclosures
- Performing control-based assurance procedures to assess the design and effectiveness of internal controls used to collect and process non-financial disclosures and data, including the consolidation of the data on group and site level
- Substantive assurance procedures using internal and external documentation in order to determine in detail whether the disclosures correspond to relevant underlying sources
- Analytical evaluation of data and trends of quantitative information
- Evaluation of local data collection, reporting processes and reliability of reported data on site level at sites Babenhausen, Gifhorn, Regensburg, Rheinböllen, CT Benecke Kaliko AG (Hannover) in Germany; CT Mount Pleasant IFS, CT St. Marys CBG, CT Lincoln PTG, TI Mount Vernon in the USA and TI Otrokovice in Czech Republic as well as TI Hefei in China (video conference)
- Assessment of the overall presentation of the disclosures

## Conclusion

In our opinion the Statement of Continental AG for the business year from January 1 to December 31, 2018 is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with §§ 315b and 315c in conjunction with 289b to 289e HGB.

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