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# Independent Limited Assurance Statement

#### Introduction

The Board of Directors of TITAN ANTEA CEMENT sh.a (the "Company") engaged "GRANT THORNTON sh.p.k," ("Grant Thornton") to review the non-financial disclosures presented in the Integrated Annual Report 2023 or Annual Sustainability Report 2023 of the Company (further referred in this Assurance Statement as "the Report") for the fiscal year ended on December 31st, 2023 ("selected data"), in order to provide limited assurance in relation to the criteria as described below (Scope of work). For the purposes of this Assurance Statement, the selected data relate to the Company's activity in 2023 and do not include information pertaining to other cooperating companies or third-party activities / performance.

## Scope of work

The assurance engagement has been planned and performed in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000: Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information ("ISAE 3000"), in order to provide limited level assurance opinion on:

 The methodology of materiality assessment with regard to the guidelines of AA1000 Standard and more specifically the process followed by the company with respect to identifying and prioritizing the most relevant Material Issues.

- The completeness and accuracy of qualitative and quantitative non-financial disclosures, in specific for the areas of Environment and Social performance and regarding the criteria applicable in 2023 on Group level, (the "Reporting Criteria", as exemplified in the TITAN Group Integrated Annual Report 2023), which are aligned with the sectoral guidelines and reporting standards and with the specific framework guidance and reporting standards developed by TITAN Group. All disclosures for reporting on Environmental and Social Performance on BU level are aligned with the TITAN Group Standards, which are embedded into the processes in place. More specific the disclosure and indicators for:
  - Environmental Performance have been established in all material aspect in accordance with the Reporting Criteria, and in specific with the respective GCCA Sustainability Framework Guidelines.
  - Social performance, covering the following: Health & Safety, where TITAN BUs follow the GCCA Sustainability Framework Guidelines, People Development (for Training hours of Employees) and Community Engagement (according to the Group Target for all key operations having in place community engagement plans aligned with material issues for stakeholders and the Sustainable Development Goals).
- The consistency of qualitative and quantitative non-financial disclosures presented which
  provide evidence for adherence to the Ten Principles of the UNGC, and in specific for
  the areas of Environment and Social performance.

### **Management Responsibility**

The Company ANTEA CEMENT sh.a is responsible for the preparation, presentation, completeness and accuracy of the non-financial data provided to us, as incorporated in the Report. This responsibility also includes the selection and application of appropriate methods to prepare the Report and the use of assumptions and estimates for the individual sustainability disclosures which are reasonable in the circumstances. Furthermore, the Company's Management is responsible for maintaining records and adequate internal controls that are designed to support the reporting process. In particular, the Company's Management is responsible for internal controls being designed and implemented to prevent the Report from being materially misstated.

#### **Our Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to perform an independent limited assurance engagement in order to express a conclusion based on the procedures carried out for the selected data, as described in the "Introduction and scope of work" section above.

Our work has been conducted in accordance with the ISAE 3000 "Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information", issued by the Board of International Standards on Auditing and Assurance. This standard requires that we comply with ethical requirements from Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the for International Ethical Standards Board for Accountants, as well as to plan and perform independent limited assurance engagement in a way that will allow us to express a conclusion with limited assurance.

A limited assurance engagement is restricted primarily to enquiries and analytical procedures. The procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement vary in nature and timing and are less in extent than for a reasonable assurance engagement. Consequently, the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is substantially less in scope than a reasonable assurance engagement conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing and Assurance Engagements. To the extent it is permitted by the legislation in force, we neither accept nor assume any responsibility for our engagement or this Report towards anyone other than the Company and the TITAN Group, unless the terms have been agreed explicitly in writing, with our prior consent.

## Summary of work performed

Within the scope of our work we performed amongst others the following procedures concerning the materiality analysis, management approaches and key data presented in the Sustainability Report:

- Read the Sustainability Report (in its entirety) to ensure it is in accordance with the criteria detailed in the "Introduction and scope of work" section in this Independent limited assurance report;
- Interviews with key personnel responsible for the preparation of the Sustainability Report, providing the sustainability performance information to understand and evaluate the processes, internal controls and information systems relating to the preparation of the aforementioned information:
- Understanding the Company regarding to its sustainability organizational structure, stakeholder dialogue and development process of the sustainability program;
- Comparing text and data (on a sample basis) presented in the Sustainability Report to underlying sources. This included considering whether all material issues had been included and whether the reported text and data was accurately drawn from the underlying information.

## Limitations

To conduct our work, we relied exclusively on the information provided to us by the Company's executives, which we accepted in good faith as being complete, accurate, real and not misleading.

- Therefore, we did not submit it to any verification procedures, apart from the procedures explicitly stated in our Statement and which arise from our mutually agreed methodology.
- No additional work has been conducted on data for previous reporting periods, as well as on data related to forecasts and targets.
- No work has been conducted on anything other than the agreed scope and consequently, our opinion is limited to that scope.

## Our independence and quality control

Grant Thornton implements the requirements of International Standard on Quality Control 1. Based on this, it maintains an integrated quality control system that includes policies and procedures for compliance with moral principles, professional standards and relevant legal and regulatory requirements. We comply with the independence requirements and other ethical standards of the IFAC Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants of the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA), which is based on the fundamental principles of integrity, impartiality, professional adequacy, confidentiality and professional conduct. In this context, the assurance team is independent from the Company and has not participated in the preparation of the Report.

#### Limited assurance conclusions

Based on the procedures performed and evidence obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that there are any errors or misstatements that would materially affect the non-financial disclosures (including explanatory notes and relevant references) as presented in the Report of ANTEA CEMENT sh.a. for the year ended 31 December 2023. Moreover, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the non-financial data presented, are not prepared, in all material aspects, in accordance with the criteria mentioned above, in the "Scope of work" section.

Grant Thornton sh.p.k.

29 May 2024

The Chartered Accountant

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