



SIRIM QAS INTERNATIONAL SDN BHD INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE STATEMENT

To Board of Directors, Stakeholders, and Interested Parties,

SIRIM QAS International Sdn. Bhd. was engaged by Kenanga Investment Bank Berhad (hereafter referred to as Kenanga Investment) to perform an independent verification and provide assurance of the Kenanga Investment Sustainability Report 2023. The main objective of the verification process is to provide assurance to Kenanga Investment and its stakeholders on the accuracy and reliability of the information as presented in this statement. The verification by SIRIM QAS International applied to selected sustainable performance information (subject matter) within the assurance scope which is included in Kenanga Investment Sustainability Report 2023.

The management of Kenanga Investment was responsible for the preparation of the Sustainability Report. The objective and impartiality of this statement is assured as no member of the verification team and no other employee of SIRIM QAS International was involved in the preparation of any part of Kenanga Investment's Sustainability Report, and the Annual Report 2023.

The assurance engagement was designed to provide limited assurance in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000, Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information, and BURSA Sustainability Reporting Guide, irrespective of the organization's ability to achieve its objectives, targets or expectations on their subject matter and sustainability-related issues. The assurance process involves verification of selected applicable subject matter as listed below. Details are provided in Appendix 1.

Subject matter	Page no. (as in the Sustainability Report)
Energy Management	61, 62, 92
Greenhouse Gas Emissions Scope 1 & 2	61, 63, 92
Water Management	65, 93, 97
Our Workforce Profile	67, 93, 94
Female Representation	69
Training Development – Training hours by employee level and the amount spent for training	80, 96

The verification was carried out by SIRIM QAS International in March 2024, with the following methodologies:

- Reviewing and verifying the traceability, consistency and accuracy of information collected from various sources; internal and external documentation which are made available during the conduct of assessment.
- Verification of data presented in the Sustainability Report includes a detailed review of the sampled data.
- Interviewing key personnel responsible for collating information and writing various parts of the report to substantiate the veracity of the claims.

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The verification process was subjected to the following limitations:

- The scope of work did not involve verification of other information reported in Kenanga Investment Annual Report 2023.
- The corporate office at Kenanga Tower, Jalan Tun Razak was visited as part of this assurance engagement. The verification process did not include physical inspections of any of Kenanga Investment's buildings and offices. And,
- The verification team did not verify any contractor or third-party data.

Conclusion

SIRIM QAS International, a Conformity Assessment Body in Malaysia, is accredited to both ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 and ISO/IEC 17065:2012 covering all our operational activities. The appointed assessors performing the assurance engagement were selected appropriately based on our internal qualifications, training and experience. The verification process is reviewed by management to ensure that the approach and assurance are strictly followed and operated transparently. During the verification process, issues were raised, and clarifications were sought from the management of Kenanga Investment relating to the accuracy of some of the information contained in the report. In response to the raised findings, the Sustainability Report was subsequently reviewed and revised by Kenanga Investment. It is confirmed that changes that have been incorporated into the final version of the report have satisfactorily addressed all issues related to the selected subject matters. Based on the scope of the assessment process and evidence obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that Kenanga Investment has not complied, in all material respects, with the referred assurance standard and guide. The following represents SIRIM QAS International's opinion:

- The level of data accuracy included in Kenanga Investment Sustainability Report 2023 is fairly stated;
- The level of disclosure of the selected sustainability performance information presented in the report was found to be properly prepared;
- The personnel responsible were able to demonstrate the origin(s) and interpretation of data contained in the report.

List of Assessors.

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APPENDIX

Appendix 1 The topics and subject matters covered in this assessment is tabulated below:	CLASSIFICATION OF DATA			
	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	UN SUBSTANTIATED
Energy Management				
Greenhouse Gas Emissions Scope 1 & 2				
Water Management				
Our Workforce Profile				
Female Representation				
Training Development – Training hours by employee level and the amount spent for training				

Note 1:

This Independent Assurance Statement has been issued based on the content verified prior to the approval date. SIRIM QAS International Sdn Bhd shall not be responsible for any changes or additions made after the referred date (18 March 2024).

Note 2:

The assurance involves activity aims to obtain sufficient appropriate evidence to express a conclusion designed to enhance the degree of confidence of the intended users other than the responsible party, about the subject matter information. It comprises of activities carried out to assess the quality and credibility of the qualitative and quantitative information reported by the organization. This assurance is different from activities used to assess or validate the organization's performance, such as compliance assessments or the issuing of certifications against specific standards.

Note 3:

Definition of HIGH, MEDIUM, LOW and UNSUBSTANTIATED Classification of Data in this Appendix 1.

HIGH: The data and information reviewed has been confirmed with the direct owners. The source of the data origin was provided during the conduct of the assessment.

MEDIUM: Data and information have been confirmed with the direct owners. However, the source of the data has been based on secondary data, where the data origin is not accessible by the verifiers during the conduct of the assessment.

LOW: Data and information reviewed has been based on information endorsed by the data owners. Verifiers did not have access to the source of the data origin. It has been identified as one of the limitations during the conduct of the assessment.

UNSUBSTANTIATED: The sources of data and information disclosed were not made available during the assessment review period due to reasons like confidentiality, unattainable data source and unavailable data owner. It has been identified as one of the limitations during the conduct of the assessment.