

## Independent Assurance Statement

### Introduction and scope

Apar Industries Limited (“Company” or “Apar”) engaged Emergent Ventures India Pvt. Ltd. (“EVI”) for carrying out an independent reasonable assurance (High Level, Type 2 as per AA1000AS Standard) of the Apar’s Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report (Core) (“BRSR Core” or “Report”) based on the SEBI’s BRSR Core framework (“Reporting Standard”) for the reporting period from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024. The assurance has been conducted in accordance with the requirements of Assurance Standard AA1000AS-v3. The operations covered for this assurance include Apar’s operations in India.

### Activities undertaken

A number of activities have been undertaken for this assurance:

- a. Review of the BRSR (Core) in accordance with requirements of SEBI’s BRSR (Core) framework.
- b. Review the adherence to principles of Materiality, Inclusivity, Responsiveness and Impact as per AA1000AS.
- c. Conducting on-site audits for corporate office and operational sites on sample basis.
- d. Meeting with key officials to discuss and understand management approach towards sustainability.
- e. Meeting with key personnel with overall responsibility for data collation and compilation at corporate office and sites to discuss and assess the systems used for data compilation and reporting.
- f. Review and understand the appropriateness of various assumptions used for the estimation of a few data points by company.
- g. Assessment of site-specific data disclosures on sample basis for its accuracy and reliability, including
  - i. Review of month-wise and facility wise data
  - ii. Testing reliability and accuracy of data based on evidences.
  - iii. Review of process for data collation, compilation and reporting.

EVI believe that the evidence obtained are sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for a reasonable assurance opinion

### Limitations

Assurance relied solely on the documentation maintained and provided by the company. Assessment is based on the assumption that the data and information provided in the report and supporting documents are without any discrepancy. Assurance is subject to no physical verification of the inventories.

The scope of assurance does not further cover:

- The statements made in the Report that describe company’s approach, strategy, aim, expectation, aspiration or beliefs or intentions.
- Data related to the Company’s financial performance disclosures. EVI has not been involved in evaluation or assessment of any financial data / reports of the company. EVI’s opinion on specific BRSR core indicators relies on the third party audited financial reports of the company and does not take any responsibility of the financial data reported in the audited financial reports of the company.
- Activities and practices followed outside the defined assurance period stated herein above.
- The assurance does not cover the activities and operations undertaken by any other entity that may be associated with or have a business relationship with the “Company”.
- Compliance with any environmental, social, and legal issues related to the regulatory authority.
- Mapping of the Report with reporting frameworks other than those specifically mentioned in assurance scope. Any assessments or comparisons with frameworks beyond the specified ones are not considered in this engagement.

The reliability of assurance is subject to uncertainties that are inherent in the assurance process. Uncertainties stem from limitations in quantification models, assumptions, or data conversion factors used or may be present in the estimation of data used to arrive at results. The conclusions herein are also naturally subject to any inherent uncertainties involved in the assurance process. While reading the assurance statement, stakeholders shall recognize and accept the limitations and scope as mentioned above.

### Independence

EVI is an independent professional services company that specializes in the areas of Sustainability, Climate Change and Environmental Management. EVI adheres to Code of Ethics as per AA1000AS to maintain high ethical standards in assurance activities. For the reporting period, no member of the assurance team has a business relationship with the Company and its officials beyond that required of this assurance. The team has conducted the assurance independently and there has been no conflict of interest. No member of the verifier team is involved in the preparation of the Report. The assurance has been carried out by experts who have an excellent understanding of methodology and procedures for the assurance of sustainability reports and data as per AA1000AS.

## Company's responsibility

Apar is responsible for preparing the BRSR (Core) in accordance with Reporting Standard and for maintaining effective internal controls over the data and information disclosed. The selection of reporting criteria, reporting period, reporting boundary, monitoring, data measurement, preparation, and presentation of information for the reports are the sole responsibility of the management of the Company.

## Verifier's responsibility

The assurance statement should not be taken as a basis for interpreting the Company's overall performance. EVI do not accept or assume any liability whatsoever to any person or organization with regards to use or reliance on the contents of this assessment. The intended user of this assurance statement is the Management of the company.

## Conclusion

Based on the Reasonable (High Level, Type 2) Assurance procedures and activities conducted and data/evidence obtained, it is opined that in all material aspects, the disclosures under BRSR (Core) are reported in accordance with the requirements of BRSR (Core) framework by SEBI (Annexure I, SEBI Circular SEBI/HO/CFD/CFD-SEC-2/P/CIR/2023/122 dated July 12, 2023 and clarifications issued by SEBI) and assurance standard AA1000AS v3.

## Observations

- **Principle of Inclusivity:** Company has applied the principle of inclusivity in engaging with its stakeholders. Different departments engage regularly with their relevant stakeholders through multiple engagement channels.
- **Principle of Materiality:** Company has followed a structured process of materiality determination to identify key material issues.
- **Principle of Responsiveness:** Company has applied the principle of responsiveness with respect to its stakeholders. Company has well defined system for responding to any concern raised by key stakeholders.
- **Principle of Impact:** Company has identified, measured and disclosed the impact related with some of the key environmental, social and governance topics.
- **Reliability and quality of specified information:** The majority of the data and information verified by assurance team (on sample basis) during the assessment is found to be fairly accurate. All data is reported transparently without material error.

Without affecting the overall conclusions on the Report, the following recommendations are made:

- Company is already conducting training and awareness sessions on sustainability for onsite personnel. Further, enhanced level of trainings on requirements of sustainability standards may be organized for data owners.
- Apar may conduct assessment to identify key sustainability risks across supply chain.

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