Independent assurance statement by Deloitte LLP to BP International Limited on the Advancing Low Carbon accreditation programme

What we looked at: scope of our work
BP International Limited (“BPI”) engaged us to provide independent assurance on its Advancing Low Carbon accreditation programme (“the ALC Programme”) and the associated greenhouse gas emissions offset or saved (“GHGs offset or saved”) which together constitute the “Subject Matter” of this engagement. For the activities within the ALC Programme, we carried out limited assurance in accordance with the International Standard for Assurance Engagements (“ISAE”) 3000 (Revised)\(^1\) for the following scope:

a) There is a process for accrediting the activities;
b) The process is based on established requirements for a business activity to be accredited as an Advancing Low Carbon activity (“the ALC Criteria”), that are publicly available (available on bp.com/advancinglowcarbon);
c) The process and ALC Criteria have been correctly applied (i.e., proposed activities have all met the relevant criteria);
d) The aggregated GHGs offset or saved from the accredited business activities are calculated and reported in line with the GHG calculation methodology requirements within the ALC Criteria; and
e) The reporting of the activities is in line with our understanding of the ALC Programme – this reporting is presented in Annual Report and Form 20-F 2019 and Sustainability Report for the year ended 31 December 2019, (“the Reports”), and the ALC website pages on bp.com: the Advancing Low Carbon Activity Table, the Advancing Low Carbon activity descriptions, and the Advancing Low Carbon Programme Description (“the ALC Website Content”) of BP p.l.c. (“BP”).

What we did: key assurance procedures
To form our conclusions, we undertook the following procedures:

- Assessed the updates to the ALC Programme since the prior year; specifically, the ALC Criteria and the ALC Programme target operating model (i.e., activity accreditation process, internal ALC guidelines, ALC team accountabilities, and governance model);
- Interviewed relevant management at BP and those with operational responsibility for performance of the ALC Programme to critically evaluate the programme design, ALC Criteria and key controls;
- Conducted a desktop review of the accredited business activities including their ALC submission materials against the relevant ALC Criteria and checked that activities had been subjected to the key internal review processes and controls as set out in the ALC Programme design. This was completed for all activities new to ALC Programme accreditation for this year, and for a risk-based sample of activities accredited in the previous ALC Programme year.
- For business activities with associated GHGs offset or saved, we also carried out the following for a risk-based sample:
  - Completed a desk-based assessment of the application of the GHG calculation methodology used for the activity;
  - Conducted interviews with business activity owners to understand the processes, systems and controls used in measuring, recording, validating, and consolidating the input data;
  - Assessed the reasonableness of estimated baseline and/or actual emissions by reviewing the quality and reliability of sources of information, reasonableness of assumptions and estimation processes;
  - Checked the consolidation of source measurements and calculations for reported GHGs offset or saved (current emissions vs baseline emissions), including assessing the appropriateness of emission factors applied against good practice sources (IEA, Defra);
- Checked the classification and presentation of the GHGs offset or saved into Criteria 1a-f as defined by BP’s ALC Criteria; and
- Checked the disclosures in relation to the ALC Programme in the Reports and ALC Website Content against our understanding of the ALC Programme and business activities.

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\(^1\) ISAE 3000 (Revised) International Standard for Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information, issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.
What standards we used: basis of our work and level of assurance.
We conducted our limited assurance work on the ALC Programme and associated GHGs offset or saved in accordance with ISAE 3000. To achieve limited assurance the ISAE 3000 requires that we review the processes, systems and competencies used to compile the areas on which we provide assurance. This is designed to give a similar level of assurance to that obtained in the review of interim financial information. It does not include detailed testing of source data or the operating effectiveness of processes and internal controls.

Inherent Limitations
For non-financial information, there is often an absence of a significant body of established practice from which to draw. The methods and precision used to determine non-financial information allow for different, but acceptable, definitions, data collection, evaluation, and reporting techniques. These can result in materially different measurements; affecting comparability between entities and over time.

To support clarity in this process, BP publishes the ALC Criteria, available at www.bp.com/advancinglowcarbon. In accordance with the requirements of our assurance standard, we have considered the suitability of the ALC Criteria and concluded these provide a satisfactory basis for our engagement. We have subsequently carried out our assurance against these ALC Criteria and our assurance should be read together with these ALC Criteria.

What we found: Our assurance conclusion
Based on our procedures described in this report, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the ALC Programme and associated total GHGs offset or saved, as presented on page 22 of the Sustainability Report and on page 41 of the Annual Report and Accounts, and the ALC Website Content have not met, in all material respects, the ALC Criteria.

Our independence and competence in providing assurance to BPI
We complied with Deloitte’s independence policies, which address and, in certain cases, exceed the requirements of the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants’ Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants in their role as independent auditors, and in particular preclude us from taking financial, commercial, governance and ownership positions which might affect, or be perceived to affect, our independence and impartiality, and from any involvement in the preparation of the report.

We have confirmed to BPI that we have maintained our independence and objectivity throughout the year and in particular that there were no events or prohibited services provided which could impair our independence and objectivity.

Our team consisted of a combination of Chartered Accountants with professional assurance qualifications and professionals with a combination of GHG emissions and climate change programme assurance including many years’ experience in providing corporate responsibility report assurance.

We have applied the International Standard on Quality Control 1 and accordingly maintain a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

Roles and responsibilities
BPI is responsible for the preparation of the Advancing Low Carbon information and statements contained within the Reports and the ALC Website Content. It is responsible for determining the goals and establishing and maintaining appropriate performance management and internal control systems from which the reported information is derived.

Our responsibility is to independently express conclusions on the subject matters as defined within the scope of work above to BPI in accordance with our letter of engagement. Our work has been undertaken so that we may notify BPI of those matters we are required to inform them of in this statement and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than BPI for our work, for this report, or for the conclusions we have formed.

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