

## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT

To the board of directors in Borregaard ASA

### Scope

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We have been engaged by Borregaard ASA to perform a limited assurance engagement, as defined by International Standards on Assurance Engagements, here after referred to as the engagement, to report on Borregaard ASA's sustainability reporting as defined and specified in the Borregaard ASA's GRI Index (see the document GRI content index 2023 on <https://www.borregaard.com/sustainability/sustainability-documentation/> (the "Subject Matter") as for the year then ended.

Other than as described in the preceding paragraph, which sets out the scope of our engagement, we did not perform assurance procedures on the remaining information included in the Sustainability report, and accordingly, we do not express a conclusion on this information.

### Criteria applied by Borregaard ASA

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In preparing the Subject Matter, Borregaard ASA applied the relevant criteria from the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) sustainability reporting standards as well as its own defined published criteria (the "Criteria"). The Criteria can be accessed at [globalreporting.org](https://www.globalreporting.org) and information on where Custom criteria is defined and are available to the public. Such Criteria were specifically designed for companies and other organizations that want to report their sustainability impacts in a consistent and credible way. As a result, the Subject Matter information may not be suitable for another purpose.

### Borregaard ASA's responsibilities

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The Board of Directors and Group Chief Executive Officer (management) are responsible for selecting the Criteria, and for presenting the Subject Matter in accordance with that Criteria, in all material respects. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls, maintaining adequate records and making estimates that are relevant to the preparation of the Subject Matter, such that it is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### EY's responsibilities

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Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the presentation of the Subject Matter based on the evidence we have obtained.

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the International Standard for Assurance Engagements *Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information* ('ISAE 3000'). This standard requires that we plan and perform our engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether, in all material respects, the Subject Matter is presented in accordance with the Criteria, and to issue a report. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risk of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

We believe that the evidence obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our limited assurance conclusion.

### Our Independence and Quality Control

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We are independent of the Company and the Group in accordance with the requirements of the relevant laws and regulations in Norway and the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants'



*International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards)* (IESBA Code), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

EY also applies International Standard on Quality Management 1, *Quality Management for Firms that Perform Audits or Reviews of Financial Statements, or Other Assurance or Related Services engagements*, which requires that we design, implement and operate a system of quality management including policies or procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

## Description of procedures performed

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Procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement vary in nature and timing from, and are less in extent than for, a reasonable assurance engagement. Consequently, the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is substantially lower than the assurance that would have been obtained if a reasonable assurance engagement had been performed. Our procedures were designed to obtain a limited level of assurance on which to base our conclusion and do not provide all the evidence that would be required to provide a reasonable level of assurance.

Although we considered the effectiveness of management's internal controls when determining the nature and extent of our procedures, our assurance engagement was not designed to provide assurance on internal controls. Our procedures did not include testing controls or performing procedures relating to checking aggregation or calculation of data within IT systems.

A limited assurance engagement consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for preparing the Subject Matter and related information and applying analytical and other appropriate procedures.

Our procedures included:

- Interviews with key personnel to understand the business and the reporting process
- Interviews with key personnel to understand the process for collecting, collating and reporting the Subject Matter during the reporting period
- Test on a sample basis the calculation Criteria against the methodologies outlined in the Criteria
- Analytical review procedures of the data
- Comparison, on a sample basis, of data with the underlying source information
- Comparison of the presentation of the Subject Matter with the presentation requirements outlined in the Criteria.

We believe that our procedures provide us with an adequate basis for our conclusion. We also performed such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

## Conclusion

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Based on our procedures and the evidence obtained, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the Subject Matter as for the year then ended in order for it to be in accordance with the Criteria.

Oslo, 19 March 2024  
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*The assurance report is signed electronically*

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State Authorised Public Accountant