

Assurance statement: AA1000

Trucost was engaged by Agilent Technologies to provide assurance of the environmental data held within its 2017 Corporate Citizenship Report and CDP Response

Intended users

The intended users of this assurance statement are the management and stakeholders of Agilent Technologies.

Responsibilities of Agilent Technologies and assurance provider

The management of Agilent has sole responsibility for the preparation and content of the Corporate Citizenship Report (hereafter, CCR) and CDP Climate Change Response (hereafter, CDP). Trucost's statement represents its independent and balanced opinion on the content and accuracy of the information and environmental data held within.

Assurance standard

Trucost undertook the assurance in accordance with AA1000AS (2008) Type 2 moderate-level assurance, covering:

- ✓ Evaluation of adherence to the AA1000APS (2008) Principles of inclusivity, materiality and responsiveness (the Principles)
- ✓ The reliability of specified environmental performance information (energy use, greenhouse gas emissions, water use and waste generated)

Trucost used the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) and the GHG Protocol to evaluate Agilent's performance information and adherence to the Principles.

Scope and limitations

Trucost was engaged to assure the data and claims in Agilent's 2017 CCR. This submission covered the period 1 November 2016 – 31 October 2017 for energy, water and waste data. Agilent took an operational control approach. Emissions from small facilities—accounting for less than 10% of total scope 1 and scope 2 emissions—have been excluded.

Trucost verified the environmental impacts (as calculated by Agilent) in the table in the next column. For electricity emissions, Agilent combined positive emissions from purchased electricity with negative emissions for on-site solar photovoltaic generation.

| SCOPE | SOURCE | UNIT | QUANTITY |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| GHG Scope 1 | Natural gas | | 7,203 |
| | Propane | | 74 |
| | Diesel | | 431 |
| GHG Scope 2 | Electricity | Metric tons | 50,704 |
| | District heat | CO ₂ e | 587 |
| GHG Scope 3 | Business travel (rail and air) | | 24,127 |
| | Rental car | | 999 |
| Water | Operational use | m ³ | 310,969 |
| Hazardous waste | Treated | | 2,169 |
| | Incinerated | | 573 |
| | Landfilled | | 41 |
| | Recycled | | 1,343 |
| | Total chemical waste | Metric tons | 4,126 |
| Solid waste | Recycled | | 1,751 |
| | Landfilled | | 273 |
| | Incinerated | | 275 |
| | Total Solid Waste | | 2,300 |

Methodology

Trucost's assurance activities included the following:

- Review of the processes by which Agilent defines the sustainability issues that are relevant and material to its operations and its stakeholders Interviews with managers responsible for sustainability performance and data collection
- Assessment of the extent to which Agilent's sustainability activities adheres to the Principles
- Review of processes and systems used to gather and consolidate environmental data
- Verification of data accuracy for a selection of sites, including an audit of conversion factors and calculations

Findings, conclusions and recommendations

The principles: Nothing came to Trucost's attention to suggest that Agilent's CCR or CDP Response do not adhere to the Principles

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| PRINCIPLE | COMMENTS |
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| Inclusivity: the participation of stakeholders in developing and achieving an accountable and strategic response to sustainability | Agilent Technologies engages with a range of stakeholders on its sustainability efforts, including customers, employees, suppliers, governments, investors and NGOs. A new engagement program has been launched with employees in 2017 to support ongoing communications, such as a sustainability forum with representatives from all business divisions and project specific programs such as the waste management drive. Agilent conducted quarterly reviews with internal stakeholders, to share data and collaboratively track company metrics. Agilent will continue to improve and refine its sustainability initiatives by incorporating feedback from the stakeholder engagements. |
| Materiality: determining the relevance and significance of an issue to an organization and its stakeholders | Agilent has recently completed its certificate transition to the revised ISO14001:2015 standard, which includes a robust materiality review to consider all stakeholders, and wider environmental perspectives. Going forward, Agilent will continue to conduct this practice on an annual basis. The review didn't identify any additional material issues when compared to 2016. Agilent has identified short and long term sustainability targets and continues to monitor energy consumption, water use, waste generation and social impacts. A transition from monitoring of energy in physical units of consumption (kWh) to impact (tCO ₂ e) is underway. The metrics are reviewed quarterly by the concerned team at Agilent, and if targets are not on track to be met, then further steps are put in place to achieve them. |
| Responsiveness: an organization's response to stakeholder issues that affect its sustainability performance and is realized through decisions, actions and performance, as well as communication with stakeholders | Agilent aims to respond to sustainability queries immediately and locally received from both investors and customers, though when necessary this is raised to an executive/Board level. The responses are often passed by the legal team to ensure consistency and appropriateness. In addition, Agilent holds a group level meeting after every 6 months in which sustainability concerns and considerations are raised to the team for discussion. Two-way communication with suppliers has helped Agilent to not only track its suppliers' performance, but also share new goals and requirements. Suppliers are increasingly providing more information to Agilent, which in turn helps to inform resource investment. |

system, Trucost found that data was accurate overall and any minor corrections were made as necessary.

Findings, conclusions and recommendations (continued)

Data reliability: Agilent has implemented rigorous processes to collect and aggregate global energy consumption, GHG emissions, water use and waste generation. While data reviewed was accurate, Trucost notes that a number of sites had limited available raw data and this should be a focus for improvement in future years.

Trucost recommends that Agilent continue improving its internal data collection and reporting for waste data, so that consistent and comprehensive data is gathered for each category of waste across all facilities. Trucost recommends more granular recording of waste values by waste type and disposal type, both for Agilent's internal values as well as its waste haulers' reporting, to improve waste measurement. Trucost also recommends that Agilent update its GHG emissions factors annually or as available, including

partnering with its travel agency(-ies) to utilize current factors and clearly identify the factors that are applied.

Assurance provider

Trucost has been researching, standardizing and validating corporate environmental performance data since 2000. Trucost's research team has the relevant professional and technical competencies and experience to conduct an assurance to the AA1000 standard. Trucost did not provide any services to Agilent during FY2017 that could conflict with the independence of this work. This is the fifth year that Trucost has assured Agilent's environmental data held within its Corporate Citizenship Report and response to CDP.

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