

INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE STATEMENT

To

The Directors and Management Sudarshan Chemical Industries Limited,

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Sudarshan Chemical Industries Limited (hereafter 'SUDARSHAN') commissioned TUV India Private Limited (TUVI) to conduct independent external assurance of selected non-financial disclosures within its Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report (BRSR) for the period April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025. The engagement focused on the Essential and applicable Leadership Indicators, as defined under the Nine Principles of the BRSR framework. The BRSR has been prepared in alignment with the National Guidelines on Responsible Business Conduct (NGRBC) and the SEBI Circular SEBI/HO/CFD/CFD-SEC-2/P/CIR/2023/122 dated July 12, 2023. The assurance was conducted in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000 (Revised), based on criteria agreed in the scope of work and designed to provide limited assurance over the stated disclosures.

Management's Responsibility

SUDARSHAN developed the BRSR's content pertaining to the BRSR principles covering. SUDARSHAN management is responsible for carrying out the collection, analysis, and disclosure of the information presented in the BRSR (web-based and print), including website maintenance, integrity, and for ensuring its quality and accuracy in reference with the applied criteria stated in the BRSR, such that it's free of intended or unintended material misstatements. SUDARSHAN will be responsible for archiving and reproducing the disclosed data to the stakeholders and regulators upon request.

Scope and Boundary

The scope of work includes the Limited assurance of the following <u>09 BRSR principles including Essential and Leadership indicators</u> disclosed in the BRSR report. The BRSR requirements encompass essential disclosures pertaining to organization's Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG). In particular, the assurance engagement included the following:

- Review of General Disclosure, Management & Process and the disclosures against all <u>09 BRSR principles including</u> <u>Essential and Leadership indicators</u> submitted by SUDARSHAN
- 2. Review of the quality of information,
- 3. Review of evidence (on a random samples) for limited assurance of *09 BRSR principles*

TUVI has verified the below Essential and Leadership Indicators disclosed in the BRSR under Limited Assurance

Principles	Essential Indicators	Leadership Indicators
Principle 1: Businesses should conduct and govern themselves with integrity, and in a manner that is Ethical, Transparent and Countable.	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9	1,2
Principle 2: Businesses should provide goods and services in a manner that is sustainable and safe.	1,2,3,4	1,2,3,4,5
Principle 3: Businesses should respect and promote the well-being of all employees, including those in their value chains.	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15	1,2,3,4,5,6
Principle 4: Businesses should respect the interests of and be responsive to all its stakeholders.	1,2	1,2,3
Principle 5: Businesses should respect and promote human rights.	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	1,2,3,4
Principle 6: Businesses should respect and make efforts to protect and restore the environment.	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8
Principle 7: Businesses, when engaging in influencing public and regulatory policy, should do so in a manner that is responsible and transparent.	1,2	1
Principle 8: Businesses should promote inclusive growth and equitable development.	1,2,3,4,5	1,2,3,4,5,6
Principle 9: Businesses should engage with and provide value to their consumers in a responsible manner	1,2,3,4,5,6,7	1,2,3,4

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Note: Disclosure reported as 'Not Applicable' are not included in table above.

Notes:

Waste: The data of total waste recovered through recycling, re-using or other recovery operations or total waste disposed by nature of disposal method could be assessed based on interviews and sample records as presented during the onsite visit.

The reporting boundaries for the above principles includes two manufacturing sites (Roha and Mahad), one R&D centre Ambadwet and Corporate office.

Set of on-site and remote verifications were conducted at,

Onsite Verification

- Sudarshan Chemical Industries Limited Dhatay, Roha Maharashtra 402116; 12-08-2025.
- Sudarshan Chemical Industries Limited, Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation Mahad, Nadgaon Tarf Birwadi, Maharashtra - 402302; 13-08-2025.

Remote Verification

1. Sudarshan Chemical Industries Limited Sy no. 126, 127/136, Ambadwet, Sutarwadi, Maharashtra - 412108; 12-08-2025.

The assurance activities were carried out together with a desk review of entire plants and offices as per reporting boundary.

Limitations

TUVI did not perform any assurance procedures on the prospective information disclosed in the Report, including targets, expectations and ambitions. Consequently, TUVI draws no conclusion on the prospective information. During the assurance process, TUVI did not come across any limitation to the agreed scope of the assurance engagement. TUVI did not verify any ESG goals and claim through this assignment. TUVI has taken reference of the financial figures from the audited financial reports. SUDARSHAN Chemical will be responsible for the appropriate application of the financial data. The application of this assurance statement is limited w.r.t <u>SEBI circular SEBI/HO/CFD/CFD-SEC-2/P/CIR/2023/122, dated Jul 12, 2023)</u>. This assurance statement does not endorse any environmental and social claims (related to the product, manufacturing process, packaging, disposal of product etc.) as well as advertisements by the reporting organization. The responsibility for the authenticity of the data is confirmed by SUDARSHAN. Any reliance placed by any person or third party on disclosed KPI is entirely at their own risk. TUVI does not permit use of this statement for Greenwashing or misleading claims. The reporting Organization is responsible for ensuring adherence to relevant laws.

Our Responsibility

TUVI's responsibility in relation to this engagement is to perform a limited level of BRSR assurance for essential indicators and applicable leadership indicators and to express a conclusion based on the work performed. Our engagement did not include an assessment of the adequacy or the effectiveness of SUDARSHAN's strategy, management of ESG-related issues or the sufficiency of the Report against BRSR reporting principles, other than those mentioned in the scope of the assurance. TUVI's responsibility regarding this verification is in reference to the agreed scope of work, which includes assurance of non-financial quantitative and qualitative information disclosed by SUDARSHAN. Reporting Organization is responsible for archiving the related data for a reasonable time period. The intended users of this assurance statement are the management of 'SUDARSHAN. TUVI expressly disclaims any liability or co-responsibility 1) for any decision a person or entity would make based on this assurance statement and 2) for any damages in case of erroneous data is reported. This assurance engagement is based on the assumption that the data and information provided to TUVI by SUDARSHAN are complete and true.

Assurance Methodology

During the assurance engagement, TUVI adopted a risk-based approach, focusing verification efforts on disclosures and issues of high material relevance to SUDARSHAN and its stakeholders. The objective was to assess the reliability and accuracy of the non-financial information disclosed, with emphasis on the robustness of data management systems, internal controls, and information flows.

TUVI's assurance activities included:

- 1. Document and Data Review
 - a) Examination of documents, datasets, and supporting evidence provided by SUDARSHAN covering all nine BRSR principles, including Essential and applicable Leadership Indicators.
 - b) Evaluation of disclosures related to Management Approach and performance indicators.
- 2. Stakeholder Interviews
 - a) Conducted interviews with key representatives, including data owners, process managers, and decision-makers across various departments.
 - b) Interviews were conducted through both onsite visits and remote assessments, as applicable.
- 3. Process and System Assessment
 - a) Sample-based review of systems and processes for:
 - Implementing ESG and sustainability-related policies, as described in the BRSR.

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- Collecting, managing, and reporting both quantitative data and qualitative information for the reporting period.
- b) Assessment of the internal controls supporting data accuracy, traceability, and consistency.
- 4. Reporting Framework Adherence
 - Verified SUDARSHAN's adherence to reporting requirements under SEBI's BRSR guidelines.

This methodology enabled TUVI to provide a balanced and evidence-based assurance on the information disclosed, while maintaining alignment with ISAE 3000 (Revised) standards for non-financial assurance.

Action Plan

The following are the opportunities for improvement reported to SUDARSHAN. However, they are generally consistent with SUDARSHAN management's objectives and programs. SUDARSHAN already identified below topics and Assurance team endorse the same to achieve the Sustainable Goals of organization.

- i. SUDARSHAN may strengthen its internal reporting by opting a smart cloud-based data management system for sustainability data reporting;
- ii. SUDARSHAN may encourage to monitor the chain of custody for suppliers who are not directly recycling the nonhazardous waste;
- iii. SUDARSHAN may plan to monitor all categories of indirect GHG emissions as per ISO 14064-1;
- iv. SUDARSHAN can install additional water meters for the conducting the water balance;
- v. SUDARSHAN may conduct the formal internal audit procedure for verifying BRSR data on periodic basis;

Conflict of Interest

In the context of BRSR requirements set by SEBI, addressing conflict of interest is crucial to maintain high integrity and independence of assurance engagements. As per SEBI guidelines, assurance providers need to disclose any potential conflict of interest that could compromise the independence or neutrality of their assessments. TUVI diligently identifies any relationships, affiliations, or financial interests that could potentially cause conflict of interest. We proactively implement measures to mitigate or manage these conflicts, ensuring independence and impartiality in our assurance engagements. We provide clear and transparent disclosures about any identified conflicts of interest in our assurance statement. We recognize that failure to address conflict of interest adequately could undermine the creditability of the assurance process and the reliability of the reported information. Therefore, we strictly adhere to SEBI guidelines and take necessary measures to avoid, disclose, or mitigate conflicts of interest effectively.

Assurance Conclusion

In our opinion, based on the scope of this assurance engagement, the disclosures related to the BRSR Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) presented in the BRSR report, along with the referenced supporting information, provide a fair representation of the nine principles of BRSR including Essential and applicable Leadership Indicators and meet the general content and quality requirements outlined in the BRSR framework.

Competency and Independence: TUVI confirms its competence to conduct this assurance engagement in accordance with SEBI guidelines. Our assurance team possesses the necessary expertise in ESG verification, assurance methodologies, and applicable regulatory frameworks. We uphold strict independence, apply robust assurance methodologies, and continuously improve our processes to deliver reliable and credible assessments.

Disclosures: TUVI is of the opinion that the reported disclosures generally comply with the requirements of the BRSR. SUDARSHAN 's General Disclosures provide appropriate contextual information about the organization, while the Management & Process Disclosures adequately describe the management approach for each indicator in Section A and B, covering all nine BRSR principles, including Essential and Leadership Indicators.

Limited Assurance Conclusion: Based on the procedures performed, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the information subject to the limited assurance engagement was not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the applicable reporting criteria. TUVI found the information to be reliable across all principles with respect to the BRSR.

Evaluation of BRSR Reporting Principles

- a) **Governance, Leadership, and Oversight:** The integrated report appropriately discloses messages from top management, the business model aimed at promoting inclusive growth and equitable development, along with related actions and strategies. It highlights SUDARSHAN's focus on services, risk management practices, environmental protection and restoration efforts, and organizational priorities.
- b) **Connectivity of Information:** SUDARSHAN discloses the nine BRSR principles covering both Essential and Leadership Indicators. The report effectively demonstrates the inter-relatedness and dependencies of these principles with factors influencing the organization's ability to create value over time.
- c) **Stakeholder Responsiveness:** The report details mechanisms for engaging key stakeholders to identify major concerns and to derive and prioritize short-, medium-, and long-term strategies. It provides valuable insights into the nature and quality of SUDARSHAN's relationships with its stakeholders and fairly represents how the organization understands, considers, and responds to their legitimate needs and interests.

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- d) **Materiality:** Material issues related to the nine attributes and corresponding KPIs, as required by the BRSR framework, are adequately identified and reported.
- e) **Conciseness:** The report communicates the required information clearly and succinctly, using brief and to-the-point sentences. Effective use of graphs, pictorials, and tabular representations enhances clarity while maintaining the continuity of information flow throughout the report.
- f) **Reliability and Completeness:** SUDARSHAN has established robust internal systems for data aggregation and evaluation. All data provided to TUVI underwent a QA/QC process. TUVI's assurance team verified the majority of data on a sample basis during the assurance process and found it to be fairly accurate. The information is reported transparently, neutrally, and free of material error.
- g) **Consistency and Comparability:** Information in the BRSR is presented on an annual basis and was found to be reliable and complete. This supports adherence to the principles of consistency and comparability in reporting.

Independence and Code of Conduct: TUVI follows the IESBA (International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants) Code which, adopts a threats and safeguards approach to independence. It is confirmed that the Assurance Team is selected to avoid situations of self-interest, self-review, advocacy, and familiarity. The Assessment Team was safeguarded from any type of intimidation. The assessment team was safeguarded from any type of intimidation. By adhering to these principles, we uphold the trust and confidence of our clients and stakeholders. In line with the requirements of the SEBI <u>circular SEBI/HO/CFD/CFD-SEC-2/P/CIR/2023/122</u>, <u>dated 12/07/2023</u>. TUVI confirms that there is no conflict of interest with SUDARSHAN.

TUVI solely focuses on delivering verification and assurance services and does not engage in the sale of service or the provision of any non-audit/non-assurance services, including consulting.

Quality control: The Assurance Team complies with the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the IESBA, which includes independence and other requirements founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence, and due care, confidentiality, and professional behavior. In reference with the International Standard on Quality Control, TUVI maintains a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

Our Assurance Team and Independence

TUVI is an independent, neutral third-party providing ESG Assurance services with qualified environmental and social specialists. TUVI states its independence and impartiality and confirms that there is "no conflict of interest" with regard to this assurance engagement. In the reporting year, TUVI did not work with SUDARSHAN on any engagement that could compromise the independence or impartiality of our findings, conclusions, and observations. TUVI was not involved in the preparation of any content or data included in the BRSR, with the exception of this assurance statement. TUVI maintains complete impartiality towards any individuals interviewed during the assurance engagement.

For and on behalf of TUV India Private

Limited Date: 28/08/2025 Place: Mumbai, India TOVINDIA D

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