



# LRQA Independent Assurance Statement

## Relating to American Tire Distributor's Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Environmental Data for the calendar years 2022

This Assurance Statement has been prepared for American Tire Distributors, Inc. in accordance with our contract.

### Terms of Engagement

LRQA was commissioned by American Tire Distributors, Inc. (ATD) to provide independent assurance of its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory and environmental data ("the Report") for the calendar year 2022 (CY 2022) against the assurance criteria below to a limited level of assurance and materiality of the professional judgement of the verifier using LRQA's verification procedure and ISO 14064 - Part 3 for greenhouse gas emissions. LRQA's verification procedure is based on current best practise and is in accordance with ISAE 3000 and *ISAE 3410*.

Our assurance engagement covered ATD's operations and activities under their operational control in the United States and Canada, and specifically the following requirements:

- Verifying conformance with:
  - ATDs reporting methodologies for the selected datasets.
  - World Resources Institute / World Business Council for Sustainable Development Greenhouse Gas Protocol: A corporate accounting and reporting standard, revised edition (otherwise referred to as the WRI/WBCSD GHG Protocol) for the GHG data<sup>1</sup>.
- Reviewing whether the Report has taken account of:
  - World Resources Institute / World Business Council for Sustainable Development Greenhouse Gas Protocol: Corporate Value Chain (Scope 3) Accounting and Reporting Standard
- Evaluating the accuracy and reliability of data and information for only the selected indicators listed below:
  - Direct (Scope 1), Energy Indirect (Scope 2) and Other Indirect (Scope 3) GHG emissions.
    - Scope 3 GHG emissions verified by LRQA only include
      - Business Travel,
      - Upstream Transportation and Distribution and
      - Downstream Transportation and Distribution.
      - Waste Generated in Operations
  - Water consumption.
  - Waste to Landfill
  - Recycled Waste
  - Energy

LRQA's responsibility is only to ATD. LRQA disclaims any liability or responsibility to others as explained in the end footnote. ATD's responsibility is for collecting, aggregating, analysing and presenting all the data and information within the Report and for maintaining effective internal controls over the systems from which the Report is derived. Ultimately, the Report has been approved by, and remains the responsibility of ATD.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.ghgprotocol.org/>



### LRQA’s Opinion

Based on LRQA’s approach nothing has come to our attention that would cause us to believe that ATD has not, in all material respects:

- Met the requirements of the criteria listed above; and
- Disclosed accurate and reliable performance data and information as summarized in Table 1 below.

The opinion expressed is formed on the basis of a limited level of assurance<sup>2</sup> and at the materiality of the professional judgement of the verifier.

**Table 1. Summary of ATD’s Key Environmental Data for CY 2022:**

Scope	Total	Unit
Scope 1 GHG emissions	85,476	Metric Tons CO <sub>2</sub> e
Scope 1 GHG biogenic emissions <sup>1</sup>	152	Metric Tons CO <sub>2</sub>
Scope 2 GHG emissions (Location-based) <sup>2</sup>	15,099	Metric Tons CO <sub>2</sub> e
Scope 2 GHG emissions (Market-based) <sup>2</sup>	15,462	Metric Tons CO <sub>2</sub> e
Scope 3 GHG emissions: Business Travel (Air & Vehicle) <sup>3</sup>	1,470	Metric Tons CO <sub>2</sub> e
Scope 3 GHG emissions: Upstream Transportation and Distribution (Logistics) <sup>4,5</sup>	106,811	Metric Tons CO <sub>2</sub> e
Scope 3 GHG emissions: Downstream Transportation and Distribution (Logistics) <sup>4,6</sup>	41,795	Metric Tons CO <sub>2</sub> e
Scope 3 GHG emissions: Waste Generated in Operations: Waste to Landfill	1,291	Metric Tons CO <sub>2</sub> e
Scope 3 GHG emissions: Waste Generated in Operations: Recycling	164	Metric Tons CO <sub>2</sub> e
Energy Use (Fuel and Electricity)	397,253,328	kWh
Water Consumption	77,548,793	Gallons
Waste to Landfill	2,676	US Short Tons
Waste to Recycling	1,643	US Short Tons

Note 1: Biogenic emissions are from consumption of biodiesel in vehicles.  
 Note 2: Scope 2, Location-based and Scope 2, Market-based are defined in the WRI/WBCSD GHG Protocol Scope 2 Guidance, 2015  
 Note 3: Business Travel consists of emissions from air travel and vehicle travel in rental cars and employee-owned vehicles.  
 Note 4: Upstream and Downstream Logistics reported for operations in the United States and Canada (ATD and Northern Tire Distributor, operations in Canada). Logistics from Monro, acquired in June 2022, were not available and therefore not included.  
 Note 5: Upstream logistics are emissions from ton miles from upstream transport of product.  
 Note 6: Downstream logistics consists of emissions from ton-miles from transport of product and vehicle miles traveled by courier services.

### LRQA’s Approach

LRQA’s assurance engagements are carried out in accordance with our verification procedure. The following tasks were undertaken as part of the evidence gathering process for this assurance engagement:

- interviewing relevant parties responsible for managing GHG emissions and environmental data and records; and
- assessing ATDs data management systems to confirm they are designed to prevent significant errors, omissions or mis-statements in the Report;
- verifying historical GHG emissions and environmental data and records at an aggregated level for the calendar year 2022; and

<sup>2</sup> The extent of evidence-gathering for a limited assurance engagement is less than for a reasonable assurance engagement. Limited assurance engagements focus on aggregated data rather than physically checking source data at sites. Consequently, the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had a reasonable assurance engagement been performed.



- confirming that ATD has recalculated their base year emissions as required by their documented base year recalculation policy. ATD will publish the recalculated base year along with a description of changes in their sustainability report, which will be released in June 2023. LRQA did not verify the reported data and calculations of the updated 2019 base year.

### **LRQA's Standards and Competence**

LRQA implements and maintains a comprehensive management system that meets accreditation requirements for ISO 14065 *Greenhouse gases – Requirements for greenhouse gas validation and verification bodies for use in accreditation or other forms of recognition* and ISO/IEC 17021 *Conformity assessment – Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems* that are at least as demanding as the requirements of the International Standard on Quality Control 1 and comply with the *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants.

LRQA ensures the selection of appropriately qualified individuals based on their qualifications, training and experience. The outcome of all verification and certification assessments is then internally reviewed by senior management to ensure that the approach applied is rigorous and transparent.

Signed

Dated: 09 June 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brooke Farrell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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