



Independent Practitioner's Limited Assurance Report to Smiths Group plc

Report on selected categories of energy and greenhouse gas emissions within the Sustainability section of Smiths Group plc's Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 July 2024

Conclusion

We have performed a limited assurance engagement on whether selected information in Smiths Group plc's ("Smiths" or the "Company") Sustainability at Smiths section of Smiths' Annual Report and Accounts (the "Report") for the year ended 31 July 2024 has been properly prepared in accordance with Smiths' Group Reporting Guidelines as set out at <https://www.smiths.com/sustainability/sustainability-report> (the "Reporting Criteria"). The information within the Report that was subject to assurance is indicated with the symbol "△" (the "Selected Information") (and is also listed in Appendix 1).

Based on the procedures performed and evidence obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the Selected Information has not been properly prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Reporting Criteria.

Our conclusion is to be read in the context of the remainder of this report, in particular the "Inherent limitations in preparing the Selected Information" and "Intended use of our report" sections below.

Our conclusion on the Selected Information does not extend to other information that accompanies or contains the Selected Information and our assurance report (hereafter referred to as "Other Information"). We have not performed any procedures as part of this engagement with respect to such Other Information. We audited the financial statements included within the Other Information and our report thereon is included with the Other Information.

Basis for conclusion

We conducted our engagement in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements (UK) 3000 *Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information* ("ISAE (UK) 3000") issued by the Financial Reporting Council ("FRC") and in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3410 *Assurance Engagements on Greenhouse Gas Statements* ("ISAE 3410") issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board ("IAASB"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "Our responsibilities" section of our report.

We have complied with the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales ("ICAEW") Code of Ethics, which includes independence and other ethical requirements founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour, that are at least as demanding as the applicable provisions of the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants ("IESBA") *International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards)*.

Our firm applies International Standard on Quality Management (UK) 1 *Quality Management for Firms that Perform Audits or Reviews of Financial Statements, or Other Assurance or Related Services Engagements* ("ISQM (UK) 1"), issued by the FRC, which requires the firm to 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.

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

Inherent limitations in preparing the Selected Information

The nature of non-financial information; the absence of a significant body of established practice on which to draw; and the methods and precision used to determine non-financial information, allow for different, but acceptable, evaluation and measurement techniques and can result in materially different measurements, affecting comparability between entities and over time.

As described on page 3 of the Reporting Criteria, the greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions quantification process is subject to: scientific uncertainty, which arises because of incomplete scientific knowledge about the measurement of GHGs; and estimation (or measurement) uncertainty resulting from the



measurement and calculation processes used to quantify emissions within the bounds of existing scientific knowledge.

For Scope 3 GHG emissions, there are also significant limitations in the availability and quality of GHG emissions data from third parties, resulting in Smiths' reliance on proxy data in determining estimated Scope 3 GHG emissions. Over time better information may become available from third parties and the principles and methodologies used to measure and report Scope 3 GHG emissions may change based on market practice and regulation.

The Reporting Criteria has been developed to assist Smiths in reporting selected ESG information to measure its progress against its ESG strategy. As a result, the Selected Information may not be suitable for another purpose.

Directors' responsibilities

The Directors of Smiths are responsible for:

- designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and presentation of the Selected Information that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error;
- selecting and developing suitable Reporting Criteria for preparing the Selected Information;
- properly preparing the Selected Information in accordance with the Reporting Criteria; and
- the contents and statements contained within the Report and the Reporting Criteria.

Our responsibilities

We are responsible for:

- planning and performing the engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the Selected Information is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error;
- forming an independent limited assurance conclusion, based on the procedures we have performed and the evidence we have obtained; and
- reporting our conclusion to Smiths.

Summary of the work we performed as the basis for our conclusion

We exercised professional judgment and maintained professional scepticism throughout the engagement. We planned and performed our procedures to obtain evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to obtain a meaningful level of assurance over the Selected Information to provide a basis for our limited assurance conclusion. Planning the engagement involves assessing whether Smiths' Reporting Criteria are suitable for the purposes of our limited assurance engagement. Our procedures selected depended on our judgement, on our understanding of the Selected Information and other engagement circumstances, and our consideration of areas where material misstatements are likely to arise.

In carrying out our engagement, we performed procedures which included:

- obtaining an understanding through inquiry of Smiths' control environment, processes and information systems relevant to the preparation of the Selected Information, but did not include evaluating the design of particular control activities, obtaining evidence about their implementation or testing their operating effectiveness;
- evaluating whether Smiths' methods for developing key estimates were appropriate and had been consistently applied, but did not include testing the data on which certain estimates are based or separately developing our own estimates against which to evaluate Smiths' estimates;
- performing limited substantive testing, including agreeing a selection of the Selected Information to corresponding supporting information such as invoices, vehicle fleet reports and product manuals;
- considering the appropriateness of the carbon conversion factor calculations and other unit conversion factor calculations used by reference to widely recognised and established conversion factors;
- recalculating the energy efficiency metric, dividing total energy use by adjusted revenue data, as provided by Smiths;
- reperforming calculations included in the Selected Information for mathematical accuracy and whether in accordance with the Reporting Criteria; and



- reperforming a selection of the carbon conversion factor calculations and other unit conversion factor calculations; and
- reading the Report with regard to the Reporting Criteria and for consistency with our findings over the Selected Information.

The 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 had a reasonable assurance engagement been performed.

Intended use of our report

Our report has been prepared for Smiths solely in accordance with the terms of our engagement. We have consented to the publication of our report on Smiths website for the purpose of Smiths showing that it has obtained an independent assurance report in connection with the Selected Information.

Our report was designed to meet the agreed requirements of Smiths determined by Smiths' needs at the time. Our report should not therefore be regarded as suitable to be used or relied on by any party wishing to acquire rights against us other than Smiths for any purpose or in any context. Any party other than Smiths who obtains access to our report or a copy and chooses to rely on our report (or any part of it) will do so at its own risk. To the fullest extent permitted by law, KPMG LLP will accept no responsibility or liability in respect of our report to any other party.

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23 September 2024

The maintenance and integrity of Smiths' website is the responsibility of the Directors of Smiths; the work carried out by us does not involve consideration of these matters and, accordingly, we accept no responsibility for any changes that may have occurred to the reported Selected Information, Reporting Criteria or Report presented on Smiths' website since the date of our report.



Appendix 1 – Selected Information

For the year ended 31 July 2024

Metric	Value
Global scope 1 GHG emissions (tCO ₂ e)	19,687
Global scope 2 (Market Based) GHG emissions (tCO ₂ e)	21,072
Global scope 1 and 2 emissions (Market Based) (tCO ₂ e)	40,759
Global scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions reduction FY23 to FY24 (%)	10.7
Global scope 3 emissions (tCO ₂ e)	1,170,000
Global energy use (MWh)	215,027
Energy efficiency (MWh/£m adjusted revenue) (%)	71