## 4.7. Statutory Auditor's Reports

# 4.7.1. Report of one of the Statutory Auditors, appointed as independent third party, on the verification of the consolidated non-financial performance statement

#### Year ended December 31, 2023

This is a free English translation of the report by one of the Statutory Auditors issued in French and is provided solely for the convenience of English-speaking readers. This report should be read in conjunction with, and construed in accordance with, French law and professional standards applicable in France.

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To the Shareholders' Meeting,

In our capacity as Statutory Auditor of your company L'Oréal (hereinafter the "Entity"), appointed as independent third party ("third party"), accredited by the French Accreditation Committee (Cofrac), under number 3-1886 (Cofrac Inspection Accreditation, scope available at www.cofrac.fr), we have conducted procedures to express a limited assurance conclusion on the historical information (observed or extrapolated) in the consolidated non-financial statement, prepared in accordance with the Entity's procedures (hereinafter the "Guidelines"), for the year ended December 31, 2023 (hereinafter the "Information" and the "Statement", respectively), presented in the Group management report pursuant to the legal and regulatory provisions of Articles L. 225-102-1, R. 225-105 and R. 225-105-1 of the French Commercial Code (code de commerce).

## Conclusion

Based on the procedures we have performed as described in the section "Nature and scope of procedures" and the evidence we have obtained, nothing has come to our attention that cause us to believe that the non-financial statement is not prepared in accordance with the applicable regulatory provisions and that the Information, taken as a whole, is not fairly presented in accordance with the Guidelines, in all material respects.

## Preparation of the non-financial performance statement

The absence of a commonly used generally accepted reporting framework or a significant body of established practice on which to draw to evaluate and measure the Information allows for different, but acceptable, measurement techniques that can affect comparability between entities and over time.

Consequently, the Information needs to be read and understood together with the Guidelines, summarised in the Statement and available on the Entity's website or on request from its headquarters.

## Limits inherent in the preparation the Information

The Information may be subject to uncertainty inherent to the state of scientific and economic knowledge and the quality of external data used. Some information is sensitive to the choice of methodology and the assumptions or estimates used for its preparation and presented in section "4.5 Methodological notes" of the Group management report.

## **Responsibility of the Company**

Management of L'Oréal is responsible for:

- selecting or establishing suitable criteria for the preparation of the Information;
- preparing a Statement pursuant to legal and regulatory provisions, including a presentation of the business model, a description of the main non-financial risks, a presentation of the policies implemented considering those risks and the outcomes of said policies, including key performance indicators and the information set-out in Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 (Green taxonomy);
- preparing the Statement by applying the Entity's "Guidelines" as referred above; and
- implementing such internal control as it determines is necessary to enable the preparation of Information that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

The Statement has been prepared by applying the Entity's Guidelines as referred to above.

## Responsibility of the Statutory Auditor appointed as independent third party

Based on our work, our responsibility is to express a limited assurance conclusion on:

- the compliance of the Statement with the requirements of Article R. 225-105 of the French Commercial Code;
- the fairness of the information provided pursuant to part 3 of sections I and II of Article R. 225-105 of the French Commercial Code, i.e. the outcomes of policies, including key performance indicators, and measures relating to the main risks, hereinafter the "Information."

As we are engaged to form an independent conclusion on the Information as prepared by management, we are not permitted to be involved in the preparation of the Information as doing so may compromise our independence.

It is not our responsibility to provide a conclusion on:

- the Entity's compliance with other applicable legal and regulatory provisions (particularly with regard to the information set-out in Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 (Green taxonomy), the French duty of care law and against corruption and tax evasion);
- the fairness of information set-out in Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 (Green taxonomy);
- the compliance of products and services with the applicable regulations.

#### Applicable regulatory provisions and professional guidance

We performed the work described below in accordance with our audit verification programme in application of Articles A. 225-1 et seq. of the French Commercial Code and with the professional guidance issued by the French Institute of Statutory Auditors (*Compagnie Nationale des Commissaires aux Comptes*) applicable to such engagement, in particular the professional guidance issued by the Compagnie Nationale des Commissaires aux Comptes) applicable to such engagement, in particular the professional guidance issued by the Compagnie Nationale des Commissaires aux Comptes, *Intervention du commissaire aux comptes – Intervention de l'OTI – Déclaration de performance extra-financière*, and acting as the verification programme and with the international standard ISAE 3000 (revised)<sup>(0)</sup>.

## Independence and quality control

Our independence is defined by Article L. 821-28 of the French Commercial Code and French Code of Ethics for Statutory Auditors (*Code de déontologie*). In addition, we have implemented a system of quality control including documented policies and procedures aimed at ensuring compliance with applicable legal and regulatory requirements, ethical requirements and the professional guidance issued by the French Institute of Statutory Auditors (*Compagnie Nationale des Commissaires aux Comptes*) relating to this engagement.

#### Means and resources

Our work engaged the skills of nine people between September 2023 and February 2024 over a total intervention period of around twenty-four weeks.

To assist us in conducting our work, we referred to our corporate social responsibility and sustainable development experts. We conducted around thirty interviews with people responsible for preparing the Statement, representing in particular Corporate Social Responsibility, Legal Affairs, Ethics and Risk Management, Human Resources, Environment, Health and Safety, Research, Innovation and Technology, Environment and Purchasing departments.

This work involved the use of information and communication technologies allowing the work and interviews to be carried out remotely, without hindering the good execution of the verification process.

## Nature and scope of procedures

We planned and performed our work taking account of the risk of material misstatement of the Information.

We consider that the procedures conducted in exercising our professional judgement enable us to express a limited assurance conclusion:

- We obtained an understanding of all the consolidated entities' activities and the description of the main risks associated;
- We assessed the suitability of the criteria of the Guidelines with respect to their relevance, completeness, reliability, neutrality and understandability, taking into account, where appropriate, best practices within the sector.
- We verified that the Statement includes each category of social and environmental information set out in section III of Article L. 225-102-1, as well as information regarding compliance with human rights and anticorruption and tax avoidance legislation, and includes, where applicable, an explanation for the absence of the information required under Article L.225-102-1 III, paragraph 2 of the French Commercial Code.
- We verified that the Statement provides the information required under Article R.225-105 II of the French Commercial Code where relevant with respect to the main risks.

<sup>(1)</sup> ISAE 3000 (revised) - Assurance engagements other than audits or reviews of historical financial information.



- We verified that the Statement presents the business model and a description of the main risks associated with the activities of all the consolidated entities, including where relevant and proportionate, the risks associated with their business relationships, their products or services, as well as their policies, measures and the outcomes thereof, including key performance indicators associated to the main risks.
- We referred to documentary sources and conducted interviews to:
  - assess the process used to identify and confirm the main risks as well as the consistency of the outcomes, including the key performance indicators used, with respect to the main risks and the policies presented; and
  - corroborate the qualitative information (measures and outcomes) that we considered to be the most important, presented in Appendix 1. Concerning certain risks or information (human resources, environment, health and safety, human rights, social, etc.), our work was carried out on the consolidating entity, while for other risks, our work was carried out on the consolidating entity and on a selection of entities.
- We verified that the Statement covers the consolidated scope, i.e. all companies within the consolidation scope in accordance with Article L. 233-16 of the French Commercial Code, with the limits specified in the Statement.
- We obtained an understanding of internal control and risk management procedures implemented by the Entity and assessed the data collection process aimed at ensuring the completeness and fairness of the Information.
- For the key performance indicators and other quantitative outcomes that we considered to be the most important listed in Appendix 1, we implemented:
  - analytical procedures that consisted in verifying the proper consolidation of collected data as well as the consistency of changes there to;
  - tests of details, using sampling techniques, in order to verify the proper application of definitions and procedures and reconcile the data with supporting documents. This work was carried out on a selection of contributing entities presented in Appendix 2 and covers between 21% and 30% of the consolidated data selected for these tests;
- We assessed the overall consistency of the Statement in relation to our knowledge of all the consolidated entities.

The procedures performed in a limited assurance review are less in extent than for a reasonable assurance opinion in accordance with the professional guidelines of the French National Institute of Statutory Auditors (*Compagnie Nationale des Commissaires aux Comptes*); a higher level of assurance would have required us to carry out more extensive procedures.

Paris La Défense, February 16, 2024 One of the Statutory Auditors, Deloitte & Associés

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