



# Independent Limited Assurance Report to the Directors of Bunzl plc

The Board of Directors of Bunzl plc engaged us to provide limited assurance on the information described below and set out in Bunzl's Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2014.

## Our conclusion

**Based on the procedures we have performed and the evidence we have obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the Selected Information set out in the corporate responsibility section of the annual report for the year ended 31 December 2014 has not been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Reporting Criteria.**

This conclusion is to be read in the context of what we say in the remainder of our report.

## Selected Information

The scope of our work was limited to assurance over the information marked with the symbol (A) in Bunzl's Annual Report 2014 (the "Selected Information" for the year ended 30 September 2014), which consists of:

Area of responsibility	Performance metrics
Carbon emissions	Scope 1 carbon emissions and carbon emissions intensity (tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub> per £m revenue)
	Scope 2 carbon emissions and carbon emissions intensity (tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub> per £m revenue);
Fuel	Fuel usage intensity (litres per £000 revenue)
Health and safety	Incidence rate (average number of incidents per month per 100,000 employees)
	Severity rate (average number of days lost per month per 100,000 employees)

We assessed the Selected Information using Bunzl's Reporting Criteria as set out at:

<http://www.bunzl.com/responsibility/cr-metrics-and-reporting.aspx>

Our assurance does not extend to information in respect of earlier periods or to any other information included in the Annual Report 2014 (including the Corporate Responsibility Report).

## Professional standards applied and level of assurance

We performed a limited assurance engagement in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 'Assurance Engagements other than Audits and Reviews of Historical Financial Information' and, in respect of the greenhouse gas emissions information, in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3410 'Assurance engagements on greenhouse gas statements', issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. A limited assurance engagement is substantially less in scope than a reasonable assurance engagement in relation to both the risk assessment procedures, including an understanding of internal control, and the procedures performed in response to the assessed risks.

## Our Independence and Quality Control

We applied the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) Code of Ethics. We apply International Standard on Quality Control 1 (UK & Ireland) and accordingly maintain 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 work was carried out by an independent and multidisciplinary team with experience in sustainability reporting and assurance.

## Understanding reporting and measurement methodologies

The Selected Information needs to be read and understood together with the Reporting Criteria, which Bunzl is solely responsible for selecting and applying. The absence of a significant body of established practice on which to draw to evaluate and measure non-financial information allows for different, but acceptable, measurement techniques and can affect comparability between entities and over time. The Reporting Criteria used for the reporting of the Selected Information are as at 30 September 2014.

## Work done

We are required to plan and perform our work in order to consider the risk of material misstatement of the Selected Information. In doing so, we:

- made enquiries of relevant Bunzl management;
- evaluated the design of the key structures, systems, processes and controls for managing, recording and reporting the Selected Information. This included analysing and visiting three sites selected on the basis of their inherent risk and materiality to the group, to understand the key processes and controls for reporting site performance data and to obtain supporting information;
- performed limited substantive testing on a selective basis of the Selected Information in relation to three sites to check that data had been appropriately measured, recorded, collated and reported; and assessed the disclosure and presentation of the Selected Information.

## Bunzl's responsibilities

The Directors of Bunzl are responsible for:

- designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls over information relevant to the preparation of the Selected Information that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error;
- establishing objective Reporting Criteria for preparing the Selected Information;
- measuring and reporting the Selected Information based on the Reporting Criteria; and
- the content of the Annual Report 2014.

## 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 conclusion, based on the procedures we have performed and the evidence we have obtained; and
- reporting our conclusion to the Directors of Bunzl.

This report, including our conclusions, has been prepared solely for the Board of Directors of Bunzl in accordance with the agreement between us, to assist the Directors in reporting Bunzl's corporate responsibility performance and activities. We permit this report to be disclosed in the Annual Report for the year ending 31 December 2014, to assist the Directors in responding to their governance responsibilities by obtaining an independent assurance report in connection with the Selected Information. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Board of Directors and Bunzl for our work or this report except where terms are expressly agreed between us in writing.

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**23 February 2015**

<sup>1</sup> The maintenance and integrity of Bunzl's website is the responsibility of the Directors; 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 or Reporting Criteria when presented on Bunzl's website.