

# INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE REPORT



Independent practitioner's limited assurance report on JSC "Kazakhtelecom" 's Sustainability information

To the Board of Directors of JSC "Kazakhtelecom"

#### Limited assurance conclusion

We have conducted a limited assurance engagement on the sustainability information of JSC "Kazakhtelecom" (hereinafter the "Company") that is presented in the Table of GRI Index and the SASB Disclosure Indicators in Section 6 "Appendices" of the Integrated Annual report (hereinafter the "Annual report") as at December 31, 2024, and for the year then ended (hereinafter the "Sustainability Information")

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 Sustainability information is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with GRI Sustainability Reporting Standards published by the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) (hereinafter – the "GRI Standards"), SASB Sustainability Reporting Standards maintained by the International Sustainability Standards Boards (ISSB) (hereinafter – the "SASB Standards") and methodology and guidelines developed by the Company and disclosed in the Annual report (together hereinafter – the "Reporting Criteria").

#### Racie for conclusion

We conducted our limited assurance engagement in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000 (Revised), Assurance engagements other than audits or reviews of historical financial information ("ISAE 3000 (Revised)"), issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Roard

We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our conclusion. Our responsibilities under this standard are further described in the Practitioner's responsibilities section of our report.

## Our independence and quality management

We have complied with the independence and other ethical requirements of the International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA Code), which is founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour.

The firm applies International Standard on Quality Management 1, 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.

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#### Responsibilities for the Sustainability information

Management of the Company is responsible for:

- The preparation of the Sustainability information in accordance with the Reporting Criteria in the Annual report;
- Designing, implementing and maintaining such internal control as Management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the Sustainability information, in accordance with the Reporting Criteria, that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
- The selection and application of appropriate sustainability reporting methods and making assumptions and estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Board of Directors are responsible for overseeing the Company's sustainability reporting process.

### Inherent limitations in preparing the Sustainability information

Under the GRI Standards and SASB Standards there is a range of different, but acceptable, measurement and reporting techniques. The techniques can result in materially different reporting outcomes that may affect comparability with other organisations. The Sustainability information should therefore be read in conjunction of with the methodology used by management as described in the Annual report, and for which the Company is solely responsible.

## Practitioner's responsibilities

Our responsibility is to plan and perform the assurance engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the Sustainability information is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a limited assurance report that includes our conclusion. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence decisions of users taken on the basis of the Sustainability information.

As part of a limited assurance engagement in accordance with ISAE 3000 (Revised) we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the engagement. We also:

- Determine the suitability in the circumstances of the Company's use of the Reporting Criteria as
  the basis for the preparation of the Sustainability information.
- Perform risk assessment procedures, including obtaining an understanding of internal control
  relevant to the engagement, to identify where material misstatements are likely to arise, whether
  due to fraud or error, but not for the purpose of providing a conclusion on the effectiveness of the
  Company's internal control.
- Design and perform procedures responsive to where material misstatements are likely to arise in
  the Sustainability information. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from
  fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery,
  intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.



#### Summary of the work performed

A limited assurance engagement involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the Sustainability information. The procedures 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.

The nature, timing and extent of procedures selected depend on professional judgement, including the identification of where material misstatements are likely to arise in the Sustainability information, whether due to fraud or error.

In conducting our limited assurance engagement, we:

- Obtained an understanding of the Company's reporting processes relevant to the preparation of its Sustainability information;
- Evaluated whether all information identified by the process to identify the information reported
  in the Sustainability information is included in the Annual report;
- Performed inquires of relevant personnel on Sustainability information in the Annual report;
- Conducted limited substantive testing on a sample basis on a Sustainability information to verify that the data have been properly calculated, recorded, compared and disclosed.

# Restriction on distribution and use

Our report has been prepared solely for the Board of Directors of the Company in accordance with the agreement between us, to assist the Management of the Company in reporting on the Company's sustainability performance and activities and in responding to their governance responsibilities by obtaining an independent limited assurance report in connection with the Sustainability information. The Sustainability information therefore may not be suitable, and is not to be used, for any other purpose.

We permit this report to be disclosed in the Annual report, which will be published on the Company's website.

The maintenance and integrity of the Company's website is the responsibility of Management. 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 Sustainability information when presented on the Company's website.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company for our work or this report except where the respective terms are expressly agreed in writing and our prior consent in writing is obtained.

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