

FSC carbon footprint assurance statement 2023/24

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Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer

Statement of verification

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Scope

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP (henceforth referred to as Freshfields) engaged Carbon Footprint Ltd to review its 2023/24 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) inventory for its **UK & Bratislava operations for compliance with Streamlined Energy & Carbon Reporting (SECR)** for the period **1st May 2023 to 30th April 2024**. Freshfields is responsible for the information within the GHG inventory. The responsibility of Carbon Footprint Ltd is to provide a conclusion as to whether the statements made are in accordance with the GHG Protocol.

Methodology

The verification was led by Jenny Webb, Senior Environmental Consultant, Carbon Footprint Ltd. Carbon Footprint Ltd completed the review in accordance with the 'ISO 14064 Part 3 (2019): *Greenhouse Gases: Specification with guidance for the verification and validation of greenhouse gas statements*'. The work was undertaken to provide a limited level of assurance with respect to the GHG statements made. Carbon Footprint Ltd believes that the review of the assessment and associated evidence, provides a reasonable and fair basis for our conclusion.

The following data was within the scope of the verification¹ (below shows the post-audit results):

- **Scope 1:** natural gas and refrigerant loss – **7.58 tCO₂e**
- **Scope 2:** purchased electricity – **1,450.95** (location-based) and **2.07 tCO₂e** (market-based)
- **Scope 3:** SECR mandatory elements only (hire car & employee expensed mileage) = **5.14 tCO₂e**

Location-based total	1,463.67 tCO₂e
Market-based total	14.79 tCO₂e
Location-based emissions per employee:	0.85 tCO₂e per FTE
Market-based emissions per employee:	0.01 tCO₂e per FTE
Total energy consumed	7,073,772 kWh

Assurance opinion

Based on the results of our verification process, Carbon Footprint Ltd provides limited assurance of the GHG emissions statement, **and found no evidence that the GHG emissions statement:**

- is not materially correct and is not a fair representation of the GHG emissions data and information;
- has not been prepared in accordance with the GHG Protocol.

It is our opinion that Freshfields has established appropriate systems for the collection, aggregation and analysis of quantitative data for determination of GHG emissions for the stated period and boundaries.

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¹ Only includes minimum elements required by SECR for operations within the UK & Bratislava. The full emissions inventory will be verified with the global data.