

## INDEPENDENT LIMITED LEVEL ASSURANCE REPORT

To the Board of Directors and Management of Export Development Canada,

### Scope of our engagement

We have undertaken a limited assurance engagement over four performance indicators reported by Export Development Canada (“EDC”) as part of their CSR reporting in their 2019 Annual Report (the “Report”) for the year ended December 31, 2019.

### Subject matter

The subject matter of our engagement, as agreed with management, consisted of the following four performance indicators (collectively, the “Indicators”) to be assured at a limited level were:

- ▶ **Indicator 1- Enhanced anti-corruption and sanctions due diligence:**  
Number of transactions that underwent financial crimes enhanced due diligence during the specified calendar year of reporting. Enhanced anti-corruption due diligence is defined as an undertaking of non-standard customer engagement when a corruption risk has been identified in the transaction. These risks could include operating in a sanctioned or high corruption-risk country, state-owned entity and/or politically-exposed person’s involvement, or a track record of financial crimes. Similarly, enhance sanctions violation due diligence is defined as an undertaking of non-standard customer engagement when risk of violating a sanction has been identified in the transaction.
- ▶ **Indicator 2 - Climate finance in developing countries:**  
Financial support for climate-related transactions in developing countries during the specified calendar year of reporting.
- ▶ **Indicator 3 - Human Rights Risk Screening:**  
Number of transactions (excluding project-related transactions) that underwent human rights risk screenings by the Environmental and Social Risk Management (ESRM) team during the specified calendar year of reporting.
- ▶ **Indicator 4- Canadian Benefits – Jobs created:**  
Equivalent number of Canadian jobs supported by the total value of exports and investments facilitated by EDC during the specified calendar year of reporting.

### Criteria

Internally developed criteria (“Criteria”) were used in our assurance engagement for the four performance indicators in scope:

- ▶ **Indicator 1 - Enhanced anti-corruption and sanctions due diligence**
- ▶ **Indicator 2 - Climate finance in developing countries**
- ▶ **Indicator 3 - Human Rights Risks Screening**
- ▶ **Indicator 4 - Canadian Benefits – Jobs created**

## **EDC's management responsibilities**

The Report was prepared by the management of EDC, who are responsible for the collection and preparation of the Indicators in the Report and the selection of the Criteria used in determining that the information is appropriate for the purpose of disclosure in the Report. In addition, management is responsible for maintaining adequate records and internal controls that are designed to support the reporting process. Moreover, EDC is responsible for the maintenance and integrity of its website. There are currently no legislative or regulatory requirements requiring EDC to prepare, publish or have verified its corporate social responsibility reporting.

## **Our responsibilities**

Our assurance engagement has been planned and performed in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements ISAE 3000 *Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information* published by the International Federation of Accountants.

Our procedures were designed to obtain a limited level of assurance on which to base our conclusions. The procedures conducted do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a reasonable assurance engagement and, accordingly, we do not express a reasonable level of assurance. While we considered the effectiveness of management's internal controls when determining the nature and extent of our procedures, our assurance engagements were not designed to provide assurance on internal controls and, accordingly, we express no conclusions thereon.

## **Work performed**

Our assurance procedures for the Indicators included, but were not limited to:

- ▶ Interviewing selected personnel to understand the key issues related to the data and processes for the collection and accurate reporting of the Indicators
- ▶ Where relevant, performing walkthroughs of systems and processes for data aggregation and reporting
- ▶ Inquiring of management regarding key assumptions and the evidence to support the assumptions
- ▶ Validating the accuracy of calculations performed, on a sample basis, primarily through inquiry and analytical procedures
- ▶ Validating that data and statements had been correctly transcribed from corporate systems and/or supporting evidence into the Report through observation

## **Limitations of our work performed**

Non-financial information, such as that included in the CSR reporting in the Report, is subject to more inherent limitations than financial information, given the more qualitative characteristics of the subject matter and the methods used for determining such information. The absence of a significant body of established practice on which to draw from allows for the selection of different but acceptable criteria which can result in materially different conclusions and can impact comparability. The nature and

methods used to determine such information, as well as the criteria may change over time. It is important that our assurance statement is read in conjunction with the Report.

Our procedures did not include providing conclusions in relation to:

- ▶ The completeness or accuracy of data sets or information relating to areas other than the Indicators
- ▶ Information reported by EDC other than in its Report and in the GRI Cross-reference, such as information contained in its website
- ▶ Management's forward-looking statements
- ▶ Any comparisons made by EDC against historical data
- ▶ The Report being in accordance with requirements of the GRI Guidelines
- ▶ The appropriateness, sufficiency or completeness of definitions for internally developed criteria

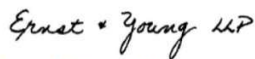
### **Our Independence and Quality Control**

In accordance with International Standards on Quality Control 1, EY maintains a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

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

### **Conclusion**

Subject to the limitations of our scope noted above, and based on our work as described in this report, we conclude that nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the Indicators are not, in all material respects, fairly presented in accordance with the internally developed criteria.



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