

Independent Limited assurance report on the EPRA sustainability best practices recommendations (sBPR) 2024 of Ascensio SA

This report has been prepared in accordance with the terms of our engagement contract signed on 22nd of April 2025 (the “Agreement”), whereby we have been engaged to issue an independent limited assurance report in connection with the 2024 EPRA Sustainability Indicators (cfr. EPRA sBPR) and in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000: “Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information”, issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB). Ascensio’s “Sustainability Report Aligned with EPRA Sustainability Best Practice Recommendations” covers the period from 1st of October 2023 to 30th of September 2024.

Limited Assurance

Limited assurance engagement - An assurance engagement in which the practitioner reduces engagement risk to a level that is acceptable in the circumstances of the engagement but where that risk is greater than for a reasonable assurance engagement as the basis for expressing a conclusion in a form that conveys whether, based on the procedures performed and evidence obtained, a matter(s) has come to the auditor’s attention to cause the auditor to believe the subject matter information is materially misstated.

The limited assurance audit report is intended to enhance the degree of confidence that intended users can place on the subject matter, but not to the degree of a reasonable assurance. The procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement and 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.

Ascensio’s responsibilities

Ascensio is responsible for:

1. Selecting, preparing and presenting the selected indicators and for ensuring that the reporting criteria in support of the selected indicators subject to assurance are made available to the users of the Report.
2. Determining the appropriateness of the measurement and reporting criteria in view of the intended users of the selected indicators and for ensuring that those criteria are publicly available to the Report users.
3. Designing, implementing and maintaining internal processes and controls relevant to the preparation of the Report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
4. Confirming, through a representation letter, the acknowledgement of management’s responsibility regarding the preparation and presentation of the selected indicators in accordance with reporting criteria and confirming certain representations made to us during our assurance engagement.

BDO's responsibilities

BDO is responsible for:

1. Performing our limited assurance engagement so that we are able to express our limited assurance conclusion on whether anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the selected indicators are not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000: "Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information", issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB).
2. Assessing the suitability in the circumstances of the use of the reporting criteria as the basis of preparation for the selected indicators.
3. Assessing the risks of material misstatement of the selected indicators whether due to fraud or error, responding to the assessed risks as necessary in the circumstances, and evaluating the overall presentation of the selected indicators.

Our work was performed on the data and Selected Information gathered and reported by Ascencio in its 2024 "Sustainability Report Aligned with EPRA Sustainability Best Practice Recommendations" and not all information included in Ascencio's ESG Report.

Our works covers therefore only the selected information. Specifically for Environmental indicators, we refer to the boundaries and coverage stated in the report which also limit the audit coverage and scope.

Our independence and quality control

Our work consisted of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for the preparation of the Selected Information, and applying analytical and other evidence gathering procedures, as appropriate. The procedures included, among others:

- Obtaining an understanding of the processes, systems and internal controls relevant to the limited assurance engagement in order to design limited assurance procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances;
- Considering risk of material misstatement of the Selected Information;
- Identifying and inspecting the Selected Information where material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error, are likely to arise;
- Obtaining evidences supporting the Selected Information reported and assessing whether these are sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our conclusion;
- Confirming the appropriateness of the reporting Criteria used and their consistent application;
- Performing recalculation of the data collected and reported in this report;
- Performing analytical procedures and inquiry to confirm our understanding of evolutions in the Selected Information;
- Assessing management's assumptions and estimates;
- Examining, on a sample basis, internal and external supporting evidence and performing consistency checks on the consolidation of the Selected Information.

BDO applies International Standard on Quality Management, 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.

Conclusion and inherent limitations

We have obtained limited assurance on the preparation and reporting of the Selected Information in accordance with the applicable criteria. Based on the procedures we have performed and the evidence obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the Information within Ascencio's 2024 "Sustainability Report Aligned with EPRA Sustainability Best Practice Recommendations" has not been prepared in accordance with the Criteria.

Inherent limitations exist in all assurance engagements. Any internal control structure, however effective, cannot eliminate the possibility that fraud, errors or irregularities may occur and go undetected, and as we use selective testing in our management, we cannot guarantee that errors or irregularities, if they exist, will be detected. The measurement methods adopted may have an impact on the comparability of selected information reported by different organizations and from one year to the next within the same organization. These differences should decrease as measurement methods develop.

Use of the report

This report is made solely to the Board of Directors of Ascencio SA in accordance with ISAE 3000 (Revised) and our agreed terms of engagement. Without assuming or accepting any responsibility or liability in respect of this report to any party other than Ascencio SA and its Board of Directors, we acknowledge that the Board of Directors may choose to make this report public for others wishing to have access to it, which does not and will not extend our responsibilities for any purpose and on any basis. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Ascencio SA and its Board of Directors as a body, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusions we have formed.

Zaventem, 2 July 2025

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