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## INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE STATEMENT

### The Board of Directors and Management

The Tata Power Company Limited  
Mumbai, India

Ernst & Young Associates LLP (EY) was engaged by The Tata Power Company Limited (the 'Company') to provide independent assurance on its Integrated Report 2019-20 (the 'Report') covering salient features of business as well as sustainability, including performance during the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.

The development of the Report, based on the <IR> Integrated Reporting Framework by International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC) and the key performance indicators as per Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Standards, its content and presentation is the sole responsibility of the management of the Company. EY's responsibility, as agreed with the management of the Company, is to provide independent assurance on the report content as described in the scope of assurance below. Our responsibility in performing our assurance activities is to the management of the Company only and in accordance with the terms of reference agreed with the Company. We do not therefore accept or assume any responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person or organization. Any dependence that any such third party may place on the Report is entirely at its own risk. The assurance statement should not be taken as a basis for interpreting the Company's overall performance, except for the aspects mentioned in the scope below.

### Scope of assurance

The scope of assurance covers the following aspects of the Report:

- Assurance of data and information reported in Integrated Report FY 2019-20 related to the Company's environmental and social performance for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020;
- The Company's internal protocols, processes and controls related to the collection and collation of specified environmental and social performance data;
- Verification of sample data and related information through consultations at the Company's Head Office, and physical site visits at its power plant in Trombay and Transmission & Distribution station at Dharavi, Mumbai. Additionally, desk reviews were conducted for the following locations:
  - Thermal Power plant at Mundra, Gujarat (Coastal Gujarat Power Limited)
  - Hydro Power plant at Khopoli, Maharashtra (Tata Power Limited)
  - Power Distribution at Delhi (Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited)
- The environmental and social performance data, reported against specified GRI standards (2016), that was subject to above assurance is as follows:
  - Environmental Topics: Materials (301-1), Energy (302-1, 302-3), Water (303-1, 303-3), Emissions (305-1, 305-2, 305-3, 305-4, 305-7) and Waste & Effluents (306-1, 306-2);
  - Social Topics: Employment (401-1), Occupational Health and Safety (403-2) and Training and Education (404-1).

### Limitations of our review

The assurance scope excludes:

- Operations of the Company other than those mentioned in the 'Scope of Assurance';
- Aspects of the Report and data/information other than those mentioned above;
- Data and information outside the reporting period i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020;
- The Company's statements that describe expression of opinion, belief, aspiration, expectation, aim or future intention provided by the Company;
- Review of the Company's compliance with regulations, acts, guidelines with respect to various regulatory agencies and other legal matters.
- Data and information on economic and financial performance of the Company.

### Assurance criteria

The assurance engagement was planned and performed in accordance with the International Federation of Accountants' International Standard for Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information (ISAE 3000). Our evidence-gathering procedures were designed to obtain a 'limited' level of assurance





(as set out in ISAE 3000) on reporting principles, as well as conformance of the disclosures under the key performance indicators as per GRI Standards.

#### **What we did to form our conclusions**

In order to form our conclusion we undertook the following key steps:

- Interviews with select key personnel and the core team responsible for the preparation of the Report to understand the Company's sustainability vision, mechanism for management of relevant issues and engagement with stakeholders;
- Physical audits and desk reviews at the Company's corporate office and operating locations on a sample basis as mentioned in the 'Scope of Assurance' above;
- Interactions with the key personnel at the Company's corporate office and operating locations in order to understand and review the current processes in place for capturing environmental and social performance data;
- Review of relevant documents and systems for gathering, analyzing and aggregating environmental and social performance data in the reporting period;
- Review of the Report for detecting, on a test basis, any major anomalies between the data/information reported in the Report and the relevant source;

#### **Our Observations**

The Company has developed the Report as per the Integrated Reporting framework and the GRI Standards - in accordance Core option. The report includes a description of the Company's stakeholder engagement, materiality assessment and relevant performance disclosures on the material topics. Areas of further improvement wherever identified have been brought before the attention of the management of the company. Specific observations have been provided in the management letter which has been submitted to the company separately. These observations do not affect our conclusion presented in this statement.

#### **Our Conclusion**

Nothing has come to our attention that causes us not to believe that the information has been presented fairly, in material respects, in keeping with the GRI Standards and the Company's reporting principles and criteria.

#### **Our assurance team and independence**

Our assurance team, comprising of multidisciplinary professionals, has been drawn from our climate change and sustainability network and undertakes similar engagements with a number of significant Indian and international businesses. As an assurance provider, EY is required to comply with the independence requirements set out in International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) Code of Ethics<sup>1</sup> for Professional Accountants. EY's independence policies and procedures ensure compliance with the Code.

for Ernst & Young Associates LLP

**Chaitanya Kalia**  
Partner  
4<sup>th</sup> July 2020  
Mumbai, India

<sup>1</sup> International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants. This Code establishes ethical requirements for professional accountants.