



## VERIFICATION OPINION DECLARATION GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

To: The Stakeholders of Edwards Lifesciences, LLC

Apex Companies, LLC (Apex) was engaged to conduct an independent verification of the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reported by Edwards Lifesciences, LLC (Edwards Lifesciences) for the period stated below. This verification opinion declaration applies to the related information included within the scope of work described below.

The determination of the GHG emissions is the sole responsibility of Edwards Lifesciences. Edwards Lifesciences is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the GHG emissions statement in accordance with the criteria. Apex's sole responsibility was to provide independent verification on the accuracy of the GHG emissions reported, and on the underlying systems and processes used to collect, analyze and review the information. Apex is responsible for expressing an opinion on the GHG emissions statement based on the verification. Verification activities applied in a limited level of assurance verification are less extensive in nature, timing and extent than in a reasonable level of assurance verification.

### **Boundaries of the reporting company GHG emissions covered by the verification:**

- Operational Control
- Worldwide
- Exclusions from the scope of the reporter's GHG emissions statement:
  - Refrigerants

**Types of GHGs:** CO<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O, CH<sub>4</sub>

### **GHG Emissions Statement:**

- **Scope 1:** 16,120 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent
- **Scope 2 (Location-Based):** 36,249 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent
- **Scope 2 (Market-Based):** 23,783 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent
- **Scope 3:**
  - **Purchased Goods and Services:** 411,283 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent
  - **Capital Goods:** 283 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent
  - **Fuel- and Energy-Related Activities:** 13,035 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent
  - **Upstream Transportation and Distribution (excludes transportation of raw materials to Edwards sites):** 32,808 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent
  - **Waste Generated in Operations:** 2,210 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent
  - **Business Travel:** 54,314 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent
  - **Employee Commuting:** 29,438 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent
  - **Use of Sold Products:** 3,955 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent
  - **End-of-Life Treatment of Sold Products:** 6,792 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent
  - **Downstream Leased Assets:** 797 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent
  - **Investments:** 17,060 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent

Data and information supporting the Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions statement were generally historical in nature, and in some cases estimated.

Data and information in Scope 3 GHG emissions statement were in most cases estimated rather than historical in nature.

**Period covered by GHG emissions verification:**

- January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

**Criteria against which verification was conducted:**

- World Resources Institute (WRI)/World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Protocol Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard (Scope 1 and 2)
- WRI/WBCSD Greenhouse Gas Protocol Corporate Value Chain (Scope 3) Accounting and Reporting Standard (Scope 3)

**Reference Standard:**

- ISO 14064-3 Second edition 2019-04: Greenhouse gases -- Part 3: Specification with guidance for the verification and validation of greenhouse gas statements

**Level of Assurance and Qualifications:**

- Limited
- This verification used a materiality threshold of  $\pm 5\%$  for aggregate errors in sampled data for each of the above indicators

**GHG Verification Methodology:**

Evidence-gathering procedures included but were not limited to:

- Interviews with relevant personnel of Edwards Lifesciences;
- Review of documentary evidence produced by Edwards Lifesciences;
- Review of Edwards Lifesciences data and information systems and methodology for collection, aggregation, analysis and review of information used to determine GHG emissions; and,
- Audit of sample of data used by Edwards Lifesciences to determine GHG emissions.

**Verification Opinion:**

Based on the process and procedures conducted, there is no evidence that the GHG emissions statement shown above:

- is not materially correct and is not a fair representation of the GHG emissions and information; and
- has not been prepared in accordance with the WRI/WBCSD GHG Protocol Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard (Scope 1 and 2) and WRI/WBCSD Greenhouse Gas Protocol Corporate Value Chain Accounting and Reporting Standard (Scope 3).

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

**Statement of independence, impartiality and competence**

Apex is an independent professional services company that specializes in Health, Safety, Social and Environmental management services including assurance with over 30 years history in providing these services.

No member of the verification team has a business relationship with Edwards Lifesciences, its Directors or Managers beyond that required of this assignment. We conducted this verification independently and to our knowledge there has been no conflict of interest.

Apex has implemented a Code of Ethics across the business to maintain high ethical standards among staff in their day-to-day business activities.

The verification team has extensive experience in conducting assurance over environmental, social, ethical and health and safety information, systems and processes, has over 20 years combined experience in this field and an excellent understanding of Apex's standard methodology for the verification of greenhouse gas emissions and sustainability data.

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Apex Companies, LLC  
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June 26, 2024

*This verification opinion declaration, including the opinion expressed herein, is provided to Edwards Lifesciences and is solely for the benefit of Edwards Lifesciences in accordance with the terms of our agreement. We consent to the release of this declaration by you to the public or other organizations but without accepting or assuming any responsibility or liability on our part to any other party who may have access to this declaration.*