

Translation

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Independent Assurance Report

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TO:

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We, Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC., have been commissioned by Japan Petroleum Exploration Co., Ltd. (hereafter the "Company") and have carried out a limited assurance engagement on the environmental and social performance indicators (hereafter the "Indicators") of the Company and its major subsidiaries for the period from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023 as included in the Company's ESG Performance Data (Fiscal 2022) (hereafter the "report"). The scope of our assurance procedures was limited to the Indicators marked with the symbol " ✓ " in the report.

1. The Company's Responsibilities

The Company is responsible for preparing the Indicators in accordance with the Company's own criteria, that it determined with consideration of Japanese environmental regulations as presented in the Notes ■Data in the report.

Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are estimated using emissions factors, which are subject to scientific and estimation uncertainties given instruments for measuring GHG emissions may vary in characteristics, in terms of functions and assumed parameters.

2. Our Independence and Quality Control

We have met the independence requirements of the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants, which is based on the fundamental principles of integrity, objectiveness, professional competence and due care, confidentiality, and professional behavior.

In addition, we maintain a comprehensive quality control system, including documented policies and procedures for compliance with ethical rules, professional standards, and applicable laws and regulations in accordance with the International Standard on Quality Management (ISQM) 1 issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

3. Our responsibilities

Our responsibility is to express a limited assurance conclusion on the Indicators included in the report based on the procedures we have performed and the evidence we have obtained.

We conducted our limited assurance engagement in accordance with the *International Standard on Assurance Engagements: Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information* ("ISAE 3000") (Revised), and with respect to GHG emissions, the *International Standard on Assurance Engagements : Assurance Engagements on Greenhouse Gas Statements* ("ISAE 3410"), issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

The procedures, which we have performed according to our professional judgment, include inquiries, document inspection, analytical procedures, reconciliation between source documents and Indicators in the report, and the following:

- Making inquiries regarding the Company's own criteria that it determined with consideration of Japanese environmental regulations and evaluating the appropriateness thereof.
- Inspecting relevant documents with regard to the design of the Company's internal controls related to the Indicators, and inquiring of personnel responsible thereof at the Company and one district office visited;
- Performing analytical procedures concerning the Indicators at the Company and one district office visited;
- Testing, on a sample basis, underlying source information and conducting relevant re-calculations at the Company and one district office visited,

The procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement are more limited in nature, timing and extent than a reasonable assurance engagement. As a result, the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is lower than would have been obtained if we had performed a reasonable assurance engagement.

4. Conclusion

Based on the procedures performed and evidence obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the Indicators included in the report have not been measured and reported in accordance with the Company's own criteria that it determined with consideration of Japanese environmental regulations.