

News Release

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**Sustainability-Linked Bonds
The Progress Towards Sustainability Performance Targets**

KITZ Corporation announced the progress towards its Sustainability Performance Targets for [the Sustainability-Linked Bond issued in September 2022](#) as the results for the FY2023 Key Performance Indicators have been finalized. The FY2023 CO² emissions have been certified with a third-party report (limited certification) by Japan Audit and Certification Organization for Environment and Quality.

The progress is as follows:

	Base Year	Result	Progress	Target Year
	FY2013	FY2022	FY2023	FY2025
Scope 1 & 2 CO ² Emissions*	65,933t	21,561t	9,284t	12,066t
Reduction Rates	-	67.2%	85.9%	81.7%

*The targets are applicable to the domestic Group companies (41 locations within Japan, including KITZ and its domestic subsidiaries).

**Independent Assurance Report (Limited Assurance)
Greenhouse Gas Emissions**

To: KITZ Corporation

June 7, 2024
Japan Audit and Certification Organization
for Environment and Quality (JACO)
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Japan Audit and Certification Organization for Environment and Quality (JACO) has been engaged by KITZ Corporation (hereinafter "the organization") to conduct independent verification of its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions information.

- Purpose and scope of verification**
With regard to GHG emissions information for the fiscal year 2023 (from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023) reported by the organization, the verification was conducted.
1) Scope 1 and Scope 2 Greenhouse gas emissions from 41 domestic sites as of Dec. 31, 2023
The organization revised a part of its GHG emissions information that was used for the verification based on the verification results.
- Responsibility**
The responsibility for preparing a calculation report and reporting GHG emissions is in the organization and our responsibility is to express an opinion on GHG emissions stated in the calculation report by independent standpoint. GHG quantification is subject to inherent uncertainty because of incomplete scientific knowledge used to determine emissions factors and the values.
- Independence and Quality Control**
We have complied with the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants, which includes independence and other requirements founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behavior. In accordance with International Standard on Quality Control 1, JACO maintains a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable regulatory requirements.
- Verification procedure**
JACO conducted verification based on JACO's verification standard in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3410, "Assurance Engagements on Greenhouse Gas Statements". We conducted the following activities as part of limited assurance:
- Hoaring to the organization's officials who are responsible for identifying and calculating greenhouse gas emissions;
- Evaluation of the information (data) used to determine the greenhouse gas emissions, the method of applying the calculation criteria, the method of measuring the data and the assumptions adopted by the organization, and examination of description of the GHG report; and
- Verification by sampling in order to confirm accuracy of GHG emissions.
A limited assurance engagement is substantially less in scope than a reasonable assurance engagement in relation to both the risk assessment procedures, including an understanding of internal control, and the procedures performed in response to the assessed risks.
- Conclusion**
Based on the procedures we have performed and the evidence we have obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the organization's GHG statement is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the organization's accounting criteria.
Verified greenhouse gas emissions
FY2023 Scope 1: 8,201 tCO₂e, Scope 2: 3,083 tCO₂e

The organization and JACO verification team did not have any specific conflicts of interest and carried out the verification on an independent base.