

### *Translation*

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## **Independent practitioner's assurance report**

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### *Scope*

We have been engaged by Nomura Research Institute, Ltd. (hereafter the "Company") to perform a 'limited assurance engagement,' as defined by International Standards on Assurance Engagements, here after referred to as the engagement, to report on the Company's environment and society data and indices (the "Subject Matter") contained in the Company's "Disclosure of Sustainability Information" on the Company's "ESG Databook 2024" (the "Report") for the period from April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024. The scope of our assurance procedures was limited to the indicators marked with the symbol "✓" in the Report.

### *Criteria applied by the Company*

In preparing the Subject Matter, the Company applied the Criteria, that it determined with consideration of laws and regulations applicable to the Company as presented on the Company's "Scope of Data Collection and Method of Calculation for Key Sustainability Performance Indicators."

### *The Company's responsibilities*

The Company's management is responsible for selecting the Criteria, and for presenting the Subject Matter in accordance with that Criteria, in all material respects. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls, maintaining adequate records and making estimates that are relevant to the preparation of the subject matter, such that it is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are estimated using emissions factors, and the scientific knowledge on which such emission factors are based has not been established. GHG quantification is subject to inherent uncertainty.

### *EY's responsibilities*

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the presentation of the Subject Matter based on the evidence we have obtained.

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the *International Standard for 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, and the terms of reference for this engagement as agreed with the Company on November 6, 2023 Those standards require that we plan and perform our engagement to express a conclusion on whether we are aware of any material modifications that need to be made to the Subject Matter in order for it to be in

accordance with the Criteria, and to issue a report. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risk of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

We believe that the evidence obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our limited assurance conclusions.

*Our independence and quality management*

We have maintained our independence and confirm that we have met the requirements of the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants and have the required competencies and experience to conduct this assurance engagement.

EY also applies International Standard on Quality Management 1, *Quality Management for Firms that Perform Audits or Reviews of Financial Statements, or Other Assurance or Related Services engagements*, which requires that we 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.

*Description of procedures performed*

Procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement vary in nature and timing from, and are less in extent than for a reasonable assurance engagement. 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. Our procedures were designed to obtain a limited level of assurance on which to base our conclusion and do not provide all the evidence that would be required to provide a reasonable level of assurance.

Although we considered the effectiveness of management's internal controls when determining the nature and extent of our procedures, our assurance engagement was not designed to provide assurance on internal controls. Our procedures did not include testing controls or performing procedures relating to checking aggregation or calculation of data within IT systems.

A limited assurance engagement consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for preparing the Subject Matter and related information, and applying analytical and other appropriate procedures.

Our procedures included:

- Making enquiries regarding the Company's own criteria that it determined with consideration of laws and regulations applicable to the Company, and evaluating the appropriateness thereof;
- Inspecting relevant documents with regard to the design of the Company's internal controls related to the Subject Matter, and enquiring of personnel responsible thereof at the Company and data centers visited (Tokyo Data Center I and Osaka Data Center II);
- Performing analytical procedures concerning the Subject Matter at the Company and data centers visited (Tokyo Data Center I and Osaka Data Center II); and

- Testing, on a sample basis, underlying source information, matching indicators with the evidence and conducting relevant re-calculations at the Company and data centers visited (Tokyo Data Center I and Osaka Data Center II).

We also performed such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

*Conclusion*

Based on our procedures and the evidence obtained, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the Subject Matter for the period from April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024 in order for it to be in accordance with the Criteria.

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