

# Swisscom AG

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Independent Limited Assurance Report  
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to the Board of Directors



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We have been engaged to perform assurance procedures to provide limited assurance on the Eligible Green Project Portfolio 2021 ('Eligible Green Project Portfolio') of Swisscom AG, Ittigen and its consolidated subsidiaries ('Swisscom') included in the Green Bond Allocation Report for the period ended 31 December 2021 ('Green Bond Allocation Report').

## Scope and subject matter

Our limited assurance engagement focused on the the Eligible Green Project Portfolio, included in the Green Bond Allocation Report based on Swisscom's Green Bond Framework published on 17 April 2020 ('Green Bond Framework').

## Criteria

The Eligibility Criteria used for the preparation of the Eligible Green Project Portfolio is the Eligibility Criteria as described in Chapter 1 "Use of Proceeds" in the Green Bond Framework. The described "Use of Proceeds" is in accordance with the "Use of Proceeds" requirements stipulated in the Green Bond principles ('GBP'), issued by the International Capital Market Association ('ICMA') in June 2018. The verification of the other core components of the GBP (such as Chapter 2 "Process for Project Evaluation and Selection" and Chapter 4 "Reporting"), included in the Green Bond Framework have been assigned to other service providers. We therefore will express no conclusion on other components than the "Allocation Reporting" as described in the chapter "Reporting" on page 8 in the Green Bond Framework.

## Inherent limitations

The mapping of the GBP project categories to environmental objectives of Swisscom's green projects is a process for project evaluation and selection – under the second core component of the GBP - directed by Swisscom as the issuer of a green bond and communicated to its investors. Attributions are indicative only, as the relevant objectives and their relative contributions will be project specific. Furthermore, projects may also be deemed to contribute to various objectives not necessarily with a given priority among them. The list of project categories in ICMA's GBP guidance, while indicative, captures the most used types of projects supported by or expected to be supported by the green bond market. Thus, the assessment is based on Swisscom's judgement and common understanding of what qualifies as a green project and how it may contribute positively to environmental objectives. It is therefore possible that a categorisation of a project is interpreted differently by a report reader.

## Board of Directors' responsibility

The Board of Directors of Swisscom is responsible for the Eligible Green Project Portfolio and the Green Bond Framework as well as for preparing the Green Bond Allocation Report which involves the selection, preparation and presentation of the information in accordance with the Eligibility Criteria. This responsibility includes the design, implementation and maintenance of related internal controls relevant to the Green Project Portfolio that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Furthermore, the Board of Directors is responsible for the selection and application of the Eligibility Criteria and adequate record keeping.

## Our independence and quality control

We are independent of the Swisscom in accordance with the International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants

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(IESBA Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements and other assurance engagements in Switzerland. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code.

Our firm applies International Standard on Quality Control 1 and accordingly maintains a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

### **Our responsibility**

Our responsibility is to perform an assurance engagement and to express a conclusion on the Eligible Green Project Portfolio as reported in the Green Bond Allocation Report. We planned and performed our procedures in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000 (Revised) 'Assurance engagements other than audits or reviews of historical financial information'. This standard requires that we plan and perform the assurance engagement to obtain limited assurance on whether anything has come to our attention to indicate that the Eligible Green Project Portfolio is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Eligibility Criteria.

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. Consequently, the nature, timing and extent of procedures for gathering sufficient appropriate evidence are deliberately limited relative to a reasonable assurance engagement and therefore less assurance is obtained with a limited assurance engagement than for a reasonable assurance engagement. The procedures selected depend on the assurance practitioner's judgement.

### **Summary of the work performed**

We performed the following procedures, among others:

- Reviewing the application of Eligibility Criteria on a sample of green bond projects in the Green Project Portfolio;
- Interviewing Swisscom representatives responsible for the Use of Proceeds process;
- Inspecting the relevant source documentation on a sample basis for the eligible projects;
- Performing procedures on a sample basis of the fund allocation to verify that eligible projects meet the criteria and have been appropriately measured, recorded, collated and reported.

We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our conclusion.

### **Limited assurance conclusion**

Based on our work performed, nothing has come to our attention causing us to believe that, in all material aspects, the Eligible Green Bond Project Portfolio included in the Green Bond Allocation Report for the period ended 31 December 2021 is not prepared in accordance with the Green Bond Framework.

### **Intended users and purpose of the report**

Our report will be prepared for, and only for, the Board of Directors of Swisscom AG, and solely for the purpose of reporting to them on the Eligible Green Project Portfolio included in the Green Bond Allocation Report and no other purpose. We will not, in giving our conclusion, accept or assume responsibility (legal or otherwise) or accept liability for, or in connection with, any other purpose for which our report including the conclusion might be used, or to any other person to whom our report will be shown or into whose hands it might come, and no other persons shall be entitled to rely on our conclusion.

We will permit the disclosure of our report, in full only and in combination with the Green Bond Framework, to enable the Board of Directors to demonstrate that they have discharged their governance responsibilities by commissioning an independent assurance report over the Eligible Green Project Portfolio included in the Green Bond Allocation Report, without assuming or accepting any responsibility or liability to any third parties on our part. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we will not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Board of Directors of Swisscom AG for our work or this report.

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Zürich, 2 February 2022

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