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INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE REPORT

To the Stakeholders of Northern Star Resources Limited ("Northern Star")

Conclusion

Reasonable Assurance Conclusion

In our opinion, the total Scope 1 and Scope 2 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions of 788,136tCO₂e and 445,594tCO₂e reported by Northern Star, along with the associated GHG emissions methods, assumptions, and estimation uncertainty within the scope of our reasonable assurance engagement, are fairly presented and prepared in all material respects in accordance with the Reporting Criteria, as disclosed in Northern Star's Environment and Social Responsibility (ESR) reporting suite ("the ESR Suite") for the period of 1st July 2023 to 30th June 2024.

Limited Assurance Conclusion

Based on the procedures performed and evidence obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe the Sustainability Information, including associated methods, assumptions, and estimation uncertainty, presented in Northern Star's ESR Suite for the period of 1st July 2023 to 30th June 2024, is not fairly presented and prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Reporting Criteria, within the scope of our limited assurance engagement

Scope of the Assurance Engagement

The scope of assurance was limited to the Sustainability Information and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions related to Northern Star's operating assets: Kalgoorlie Production Centre, Yandal Production Centre, Pogo Production Centre, Perth Corporate Office, and Exploration, for the period of 1st July 2023 to 30th June 2024.

We performed a reasonable assurance engagement over Northern Star's Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions. We also conducted a limited assurance engagement over the Sustainability Information presented within the GRI Index of the ESR Suite.

Our assurance engagement does not extend to any other information included in the ESR Suite or information from earlier periods. We have not performed any procedures on the excluded information and, therefore, do not express any conclusion on it.

Reporting Criteria

The reporting criteria used for the reporting of the Sustainability Information subject to assurance are the GRI Standards issued by the Global Sustainability Standards Board (GSSB). The ESR Suite was prepared in accordance with the GRI Standards including the reporting principles and additional requirements specified in GRI 1: Foundation 2021.

The reporting criteria used for the reporting of the GHG emissions are the *GHG Protocol Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard (Revised Edition)* (2015) issued by the World Resources Institute (WRI) and the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) and GRI Standards.

Northern Star's Responsibilities

Management of Northern Star was responsible for:

- Selecting and establishing suitable reporting criteria for preparing the Sustainability Information and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions subject to assurance.
- Preparing and presenting the Sustainability Information and GHG emissions in accordance with the Reporting Criteria.
- Designing, implementing, and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation of the Sustainability Information and GHG emissions that are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.
- Advising us of any known or suspected issues related to the Sustainability Information and GHG emissions.

Our Responsibilities

Bureau Veritas was responsible for:

- Planning and performing the engagement to obtain the intended level of assurance about whether the Sustainability Information and GHG emissions are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
- Forming an independent conclusion based on the procedures performed and evidence obtained.
- Reporting our conclusion to the Directors of Northern Star.

Bureau Veritas was not involved in the drafting of the ESR Suite and our independence has not been compromised.

Summary of Work Performed

Our reasonable assurance engagement was performed in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3410 *Assurance Engagements on Greenhouse Gas Statements* issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB).

The limited assurance engagement on the Sustainability Information was conducted in accordance with ISAE 3000 *Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information*, as well as Bureau Veritas' standard procedures and guidelines for external verification and assurance of ESG information and Sustainability Reports.



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Our work was planned and executed in a manner designed to produce the intended level of assurance and to provide a sound basis for our conclusions.

The procedures we performed were based on our professional judgement and included enquiries, observation of processes performed, inspection of documents, analytical procedures, evaluating the appropriateness of quantification methods and reporting policies, and agreeing or reconciling with underlying records. In undertaking our assurance engagement, our procedures comprised:

- Review of the suitability and application of the Reporting Criteria used as the basis for preparing the Sustainability Information and GHG emissions subject to assurance.
- Enquiries of Northern Star representatives to gain an understanding and evaluate implementation of processes, systems and internal controls to collect, aggregate, calculate, analyse and report the disclosures.
- Enquiries of personnel responsible for the performance of the processes and preparation of the disclosures.
- Review of documentary evidence produced by Northern Star representatives.
- Comprehensive performance data testing, involving source verification for emissions sources and emissions factors, as well as mathematical accuracy of the calculations pertaining to the GHG disclosures.
- Assessment of whether Northern Star's methods for developing estimates are appropriate and had been consistently applied.
- Review of the presentation and disclosure of the Sustainability Information and GHG emissions within the ESR Suite.

The scope of a limited assurance engagement is significantly narrower than a reasonable assurance engagement. This includes fewer risk assessment procedures, a more limited understanding of internal controls, and less extensive responsive testing. Consequently, the level of assurance obtained in a limited engagement is substantially lower than a reasonable assurance. Even a reasonable assurance engagement, while providing a high level of assurance, does not guarantee the detection of all material misstatements, should they exist.

Inherent Limitations and Exclusions

Excluded from the scope of our work is any assurance of information relating to:

- Activities outside the defined reporting period.
- Statements of commitment to, or intention to undertake future actions by Northern Star.
- Statements of position, opinion, belief and/or aspiration by Northern Star.
- Financial data audited by an external third party.
- Other sites and/or activities not included in the scope.

This independent assurance statement should not be relied upon to detect all errors, omissions or misstatements that may exist within the Report.

Statement of Independence, Impartiality, Competence

Bureau Veritas is a global leader in Testing, Inspection and Certification ("TIC") services. The Group's mission is to reduce its clients' risks, improve their performance and help them innovate to meet the challenges of quality, health, safety, hygiene, environmental protection and social responsibility. Leveraging its renowned expertise, as well as its impartiality, integrity and independence, Bureau Veritas has helped build trust between companies, public authorities and consumers for nearly 200 years.

Bureau Veritas operates quality management system across its activities and has implemented a robust Code of Ethics to maintain high ethical standards among its personnel and business partners in their day-to-day business activities. We are particularly vigilant in the prevention of conflicts of interest.

No member of the assurance team has a business relationship with Northern Star, its Directors or Managers beyond that required of this assignment. We have conducted this assurance engagement independently and there has been no conflict of interest.

The assurance team was selected based on its extensive Industry Sector knowledge and experience in conducting independent verification, validation and assurance of Environmental Social and Governance (ESG) information and associated systems and processes.

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Bureau Veritas Australia Pty Ltd
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