# Carbon Footprint Assurance Statement 2021/22

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Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer



# Statement of verification

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## <u>Scope</u>

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP (henceforth referred to as Freshfields), engaged Carbon Footprint Ltd to verify its global carbon footprint assessment and supporting evidence for the period 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Freshfields is responsible for the information within the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory. The responsibility of Carbon Footprint Ltd is to provide a conclusion as to whether the statements made are in accordance with the GHG Protocol.

#### **Methodology**

The verification was led by Jenny Webb, Senior Environmental Consultant, Carbon Footprint Ltd. Carbon Footprint Ltd completed the review in accordance with the <u>(ISO 14064 Part 3 (2019):</u> <u>Greenhouse Gases: Specification with quidance for the verification and validation of greenhouse gas</u> <u>statements'</u>. The work was undertaken to provide a Limited level of assurance with respect to the GHG statements made. Carbon Footprint Ltd believes that the review of the assessment and associated evidence, coupled with this subsequent report, provides a reasonable and fair basis for our conclusion.

The following data was within the scope of the verification (below shows the post-audit results):

Scope	Element	Location based tCO <sub>2</sub> e	Market based tCO <sub>2</sub> e
Scope 1:	Natural gas	527.30	527.30
	Company vehicles	143.38	143.38
	Refrigerant loss	0.54	0.54
	Gas oil	0.36	0.36
Scope 1 sub total		671.57	671.57
Scope 2:	Electricity	4,198.68	2,977.80
	District heating/cooling	1,735.72	1,735.72
Scope 2 sub total		5,934.40	4,713.52
Scope 3:	Air travel	2,630.22	2,630.22
	Well to tank	1,484.01	1,484.01
	Communal electricity (generation & T&D)	1,136.08	1,136.08
	Electricity Transmission & Distribution (T&D)	291.78	291.78
	Hotel stays	150.76	150.76
	Waste	98.46	98.46
	Paper	81.25	81.25
	Grey fleet & hire cars	68.47	68.47
	Rail travel	63.46	63.46
	Taxi travel	58.68	58.68
	District heating T&D	46.63	46.63
	Water (and wastewater)	21.87	21.87
Scope 3 sub total		6,131.67	6,131.67
Subtotal (Scopes 1, 2 & 3)		12,737.64	11,516.76
Total tCO₂e per employee		2.55	1.23



The table below shows the results of Freshfields' environmental KPIs that have been audited by Carbon Footprint Ltd.

Paper consumption:	84 metric tonne	
Water consumption:	60,388m <sup>3</sup>	
Waste disposal:	1,339 metric tonne	

### Assurance opinion

Based on the results of our verification process, Carbon Footprint Ltd provides limited assurance of the GHG emissions statement, **and found no evidence that the GHG emissions statement:** 

- is not materially correct and is not a fair representation of the GHG emissions data and information;
- has not been prepared in accordance with the GHG Protocol.

It is our opinion that Freshfields has established appropriate systems for the collection, aggregation and analysis of quantitative data for determination of GHG emissions for the stated period and boundaries.

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