

Assurance statement

Trucost was engaged by Agilent to provide assurance of the environmental data held within its 2020 CDP Response and 2021 Corporate Social Responsibility Report.

Intended users

The intended users of this assurance statement are the management and stakeholders of Agilent.

Responsibilities of Agilent and assurance provider

The management of Agilent has sole responsibility for the preparation and content of Corporate Social Responsibility Report (hereafter, CSR) and CDP Climate Change Response (hereafter, CDP). Trucost's statement represents its independent and balanced opinion on the content and accuracy of the information and environmental data held within.

Assurance standard

Trucost undertook the assurance in accordance with AA1000AS v3 (2020) Type 2 moderate-level assurance, covering:

- ✓ Evaluation of adherence to the AA1000AP (2018) Principles of inclusivity, materiality, responsiveness and impact (the Principles)
- ✓ The reliability of specified environmental performance information (energy use, greenhouse gas emissions, water use and waste generated)

Trucost used the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) and the GHG Protocol to evaluate Agilent's performance information and adherence to the Principles.

Scope and limitations

Trucost was engaged to assure the data and claims in Agilent's 2020 external reporting, encompassing the period of 1 November 2019 – 31 October 2020. Trucost was asked to assure reporting for specific KPIs. Agilent took an operational control approach.

Trucost verified the environmental impacts, as calculated by Agilent, within the table in the next column.

In FY2020, there has been a decrease in emissions for Scope 1 Diesel and Fleet categories, Scope 3 and Composted and Landfilled Solid Waste because of fewer employees on site and less employee travel due to COVID-19. Scope 1 natural gas emissions have increased as two new sites have been included in FY2020: Frederick and Lexington.

SCOPE	SOURCE	UNIT	QUANTITY
GHG Scope 1	Natural gas		10,751
	Propane		128
	Diesel		22
GHG Scope 2	Fleet (includes petrol and diesel)	Metric tons CO ₂ e	6,912
	Electricity		41,141
GHG Scope 3	District heat		565
	Business travel (rail and air)		6,174
Water	Rental Car		733
	Operational use	m ³	316,773
Hazardous waste	Treated		2,837
	Incinerated		2,833
	Landfilled		0
	Recycled		1,507
	Total chemical waste	Metric tons	7,177
Solid waste	Composted		154
	Recycled		1,797
	Landfilled		261
	Incinerated		352
	Total solid waste		2,564

Methodology

Trucost's assurance activities included the following:

- Review of the processes by which Agilent defines the sustainability issues that are relevant and material to its operations and its stakeholders.
- Interviews with managers responsible for sustainability performance and data collection
- Assessment of the extent to which Agilent sustainability activities adheres to the Principles
- Review of processes and systems used to gather and consolidate environmental data
- Verification of data accuracy for a selection of sites, including an audit of conversion factors and calculations

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PRINCIPLE	COMMENTS
Inclusivity: the participation of stakeholders in developing and achieving an accountable and strategic response to sustainability	Agilent engages with a variety of stakeholders around sustainability issues, including employees, customers, investors, communities, suppliers, NGOs, industry-standard organizations and government agencies. Agilent has various modes of engagement with its stakeholders. Internally, Agilent's Sustainability Forum with representatives from all business divisions provided employees with the opportunity to engage with the full range of sustainability issues. The company has also updated its supplier's code of conduct to provide more detail to suppliers on requirements, for example around environment, health & safety and human rights & employment practices. Agilent has developed processes to monitor supplier diversity and sustainability performance and engage suppliers on these issues. Agilent also takes part in the EcoVadis sustainability assessment and through this receives responses from stakeholders around sustainability issues which is shared with customers.
Materiality: determining the relevance and significance of an issue to an organization and its stakeholders	Agilent conducts yearly materiality assessments with the aim to confirm the relevance and ranking of the material issues impacting the long-term sustainability of Agilent's operations. In the FY2020 materiality assessment, no new materiality issues were identified. However, diversity and inclusion became more material issues and the company has increased its focus on this accordingly. Agilent has identified several UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) material to the business, such as: 3) good health and well-being, 9) Industry, innovation and infrastructure, 12) responsible consumption and production and 13) climate action.
Responsiveness: an organization's response to stakeholder issues that affect its sustainability performance and is realized through decisions, actions and performance, as well as communication with stakeholders	Agilent's dedicated cross-divisional Sustainability Forum drives projects and programmes related to energy and climate change and communicates related success stories to external stakeholders. In FY2020, based on stakeholder feedback the company developed product sustainability certification and labelling in partnership with My Green Lab, with the first products set to be certified in 2021. Agilent also developed a new Research and Development (R&D) sustainability team focused on engaging the R&D team to create more sustainable products. As a result of customer engagement, Agilent has increased its carbon footprint reduction targets for Scope 1 & 2 emissions this year, from decreasing emissions by 1% per year, to aiming for a 25% reduction in emissions by 2025.
Impact: Organizations should monitor, measure and be accountable for how their actions impact broader ecosystems	In FY2020, Agilent has begun monitoring and engaging suppliers around sustainability and diversity issues. The company has set internal targets on tracking and reporting key sustainable supply chain issues with both manufacturing and non-manufacturing suppliers and has developed a three-year plan to increase supplier diversity, including increasing procurement from Small Businesses. Agilent has two innovation-focused initiatives, the Sustainability Forum and R&D sustainability team which are advancing the company's sustainability strategy. Agilent has also updated its environmental design guidelines with the product team in FY2020 to provide more detailed guidance on product sustainability.

Findings, conclusions and recommendations

The Principles:

Nothing came to Trucost's attention to suggest that Agilent's CSR and CDP Responses do not adhere to the AA1000 Principles.

Data reliability:

Agilent has implemented rigorous processes to collect and aggregate global energy consumption, GHG emissions, water use and waste generation. Upon evaluating this system, Trucost found that data was accurate overall and any minor corrections were made as necessary.

Assurance provider

Trucost has been researching, standardizing and validating corporate environmental performance data

since 2000. Trucost's research team has the relevant professional and technical competencies and experience to conduct an assurance to the AA1000 standard. Trucost has conducted this assurance independently and impartially and in compliance with S&P Global's policies and procedures, including its Code of Business Ethics that provide a framework relating to ethical conduct, conflict of interest and compliance with law.

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