

LRQA Independent Assurance Statement

Relating to Morinaga Group Environmental Data within ESG Data page of its Corporate Website for the Fiscal Year 2025

This Assurance Statement has been prepared for MORINAGA & CO., LTD. in accordance with our contract.

Terms of Engagement

LRQA Limited ("LRQA") was commissioned by Morinaga & Co., Ltd. ("the Company") to provide independent assurance on its environmental data disclosed in Sustainability page of its Corporate Website ("the report") for the fiscal year 2025¹ (1/4/2025–31/3/2026), against the assurance criteria below to a limited level of assurance and at the materiality of the professional judgement of the verifier using ISAE3000 (Revised) and ISO 14064-3:2019 for Greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions.

Our assurance engagement covered the Company's operations and activities at 4 manufacturing plants and 18 branch offices, and its 15 consolidated subsidiaries in Japan and overseas and specifically the following requirements:^{2,3}

- Verifying conformance with the Company's reporting methodologies for the selected dataset:
- Evaluating the accuracy and reliability of data for only the selected environmental datasets listed below:⁴
 - Scope 1 GHG emissions (Tonnes CO₂)⁵
 - Scope 2 GHG emissions [Location-based and Market-based] (Tonnes CO₂)
 - Scope3 GHG emissions (Total, Category1-9, 12, 14, 15) (Tonnes CO₂ e)
 - Total energy consumption (MWh)
 - Fuel consumption (breakdown)
 - Renewable electricity consumption (Renewable electricity purchased, Solar PV)
 - Water withdrawal (Tap water, Industrial water, and Well water, Rainwater) (m³)

Our assurance engagement excluded the other data and information of the Company's suppliers, contractors and any third-parties mentioned in the report.

LRQA's responsibility is only to the Company. LRQA disclaims any liability or responsibility to others as explained in the end footnote. The Company's responsibility is for collecting, aggregating, analysing and presenting all the data and information within the report and for maintaining effective internal controls over the systems from which the report is derived. Ultimately, the report has been approved by, and remains the responsibility of the Company.

LRQA's Opinion

Based on LRQA's approach nothing has come to our attention that would cause us to believe the Company has not, in all material respects:

- Met the requirements above
- Disclosed accurate and reliable environmental data as summarised in Table 1&2 in the Annex.

The opinion expressed is formed on the bases of a limited level of assurance⁶ and at the materiality of the professional judgement of the verifier.

¹ For overseas operations, the period from January 1, 2025, to March 31, 2025, is calculated separately.

² Although Aunt Stella Inc. has both directly managed stores and franchise stores, but only directly managed stores (74 locations) are included in the calculation. The Kaohsiung sales office in Taiwan is excluded.

³ Emissions activities that use less than 1 (t, kl, 1,000 m³) of fuel in the plant are excluded from the calculation as de-minimis emission source.

⁴ GHG quantification is subject to inherent uncertainty.

⁵ The scope covers only energy-oriented CO₂. Overseas, only electricity and city gas are covered.

⁶ For overseas, figures are shown by country.

⁷ The extent of evidence-gathering for a limited assurance engagement is less than for a reasonable assurance engagement. Limited assurance engagements focus on aggregated data rather than physically checking source data at sites. Consequently, the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had a reasonable assurance engagement been performed.

LRQA's Approach

LRQA's assurance engagements are carried out in accordance with iSAE3000 (Revised) and ISO 14064-3:2019 for GHG emissions. The following tasks were undertaken as part of the evidence gathering process for this assurance engagement:

- Auditing the Company's data management systems to confirm that there were no significant errors, omissions or mis-statements in the report. We did this by reviewing the effectiveness of data handling procedures, instructions and systems, including those for internal verification;
- Interviewing with key people responsible for compiling the data and drafting the report;
- Sampling datasets and tracing activity data back to aggregated levels;
- Verifying the historical environmental data and records for the fiscal year 2025; and
- Visiting Morinaga Angel Dessert Co., Ltd., the Head Office of Morinaga & Co., Ltd. and Taiwan Morinaga Co., Ltd. was conducted remotely via email, telephone and Microsoft Teams to investigate whether the data management systems have been effectively implemented.

Observations

The Company should further demonstrate the accuracy and reliability of its future reports. This is particular to ensure effective internal verification processes at both the corporate head office and site levels.

LRQA's Standards, Competence and Independence

LRQA implements and maintains a comprehensive management system that meets accreditation requirements for ISO 14065 *Greenhouse gases – Requirements for greenhouse gas validation and verification bodies for use in accreditation or other forms of recognition* and ISO/IEC 17021 *Conformity assessment – Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems* that are at least as demanding as the requirements of the International Standard on Quality Control 1 and comply with the *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants.

LRQA ensures the selection of appropriately qualified individuals based on their qualifications, training and experience. The outcome of all verification and certification assessments is then internally reviewed by senior management to ensure that the approach applied is rigorous and transparent.

This is the only work undertaken by LRQA for the Company and as such does not compromise our independence or impartiality.

Signed

Dated: 24 August 2026



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Table 1. Summary of Morinaga Group environmental data fiscal year 2025:

Scope			
Domestic consolidated	Scope 1 GHG emissions	20,073	tCO ₂
	Scope 2 GHG emissions (Market-based)	36,922	tCO ₂
	Scope 2 GHG emissions (Location-based)	48,925	tCO ₂
	Energy consumption	228,587	MWh
	Electric power (including renewable electricity consumption)	119,912	MWh
	Renewable electricity purchased	35,923	MWh
	Solar PV	2,387	MWh
	Heat supply	641	GJ
	City Gas	9,669	1,000m ³
	LPG	24	t
	Kerosene	40	kL
	Gasoline	18	kL
	Light oil	14	kL
	Type A fuel oil (Japanese Classification)	0	kL
	Water withdrawal	1,462	1,000m ³
	Tap water	358	1,000m ³
	Industrial water	251	1,000m ³
Overseas consolidated	Well Water	851	1,000m ³
	Rain Water	2	1,000m ³
	Scope 1 GHG emissions	4,442	tCO ₂
	Scope 2 GHG emissions (Location-based)	7,030	tCO ₂
	Energy consumption	42,857	MWh
	Renewable electricity consumption (Solar PV)	790	MWh
	Water withdrawal	232	1,000m ³
Domestic and overseas consolidated subsidiaries	Taiwan	181	1,000m ³
	United States	32	1,000m ³
	China	19	1,000m ³
	Scope 3 GHG emissions Total	1,048,050	tCO ₂ e
	Scope 3 GHG emissions Category1	862,165	tCO ₂ e
	Scope 3 GHG emissions Category2	12,654	tCO ₂ e
	Scope 3 GHG emissions Category3	15,567	tCO ₂ e
	Scope 3 GHG emissions Category4	83,774	tCO ₂ e
	Scope 3 GHG emissions Category5	1,196	tCO ₂ e
	Scope 3 GHG emissions Category6	701	tCO ₂ e
	Scope 3 GHG emissions Category7	2,391	tCO ₂ e
	Scope 3 GHG emissions Category8	316	tCO ₂ e
	Scope 3 GHG emissions Category9	47,530	tCO ₂ e
	Scope 3 GHG emissions Category10	Not applicable	tCO ₂ e
	Scope 3 GHG emissions Category11	Not applicable	tCO ₂ e
	Scope 3 GHG emissions Category12	9,352	tCO ₂ e
	Scope 3 GHG emissions Category13	Not applicable	tCO ₂ e
	Scope 3 GHG emissions Category14	0	tCO ₂ e
	Scope 3 GHG emissions Category15	12,404	tCO ₂ e

Table 2. Summary of Morinaga Group environmental data
for the period from January 1 to March 31, 2025:

Scope				
Overseas consolidated	Scope 1 GHG emissions		1,019	tCO2
	Scope 2 GHG emissions (Location-based)		1,473	tCO2
	Energy consumption		9,662	MWh
	Renewable electricity consumption (Solar PV)		131	MWh
	Water withdrawal		51	1,000m3
		Taiwan	41	1,000m3
		United States	6	1,000m3
		China	4	1,000m3