

## **ASSURANCE STATEMENT**

# SGS Japan's Report on Sustainability Activities in the NEC Corporation Sustainability Report 2022

#### NATURE AND SCOPE OF THE ASSURANCE

SGS Japan Inc. was commissioned by NEC Corporation (hereinafter referred to as "the Organization") to conduct an independent assurance of its Sustainability Report 2022(hereinafter referred to as "the Report"). The scope of the assurance, based on the SGS Sustainability Report Assurance methodology, includes the stakeholder management process, data on the number and ratio of female managers to the total number of managers, ratio of employees with disabilities, number of the people who have taken childcare and nursing care leave, average age of employees, average length of employment, frequency and severity rate of labor accidents and disasters, Percentage of officers ranked executive officer or higher who are female or non-Japanese and management systems supporting the reporting process. Refer to the attached sheet for the detailed scope of assurance.

The information contained in the Report and its presentation are the responsibility of the directors or governing body and the management of the Organization. SGS Japan Inc. has not been involved in the preparation of any of the material included in the Report.

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the text, data and statements within the scope of assurance with the intention to inform all the Organization's stakeholders. The organization is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the scope of the assurance.

The SGS protocols are based upon internationally recognized guidance, including the Principles contained within the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Sustainability Reporting Guidelines for accuracy and reliability and the guidance on levels of assurance contained within the AA1000 Series of Standards and Guidance for Assurance Providers.

The Report has been assured at a moderate level of scrutiny using our protocols for:

- Evaluation of content veracity;
- AA1000 Assurance Standard (V3) Type 2 evaluation of the report content and supporting management systems against the AA1000 Accountability Principles (2018);

The assurance comprised a combination of pre-assurance research, interviews with the management and the division for Social Responsibility, verification and confirmation of vouchers, and review of related materials and records.

Financial data drawn directly from independently audited financial accounts has not been checked back to source as part of this assurance process.

#### STATEMENT OF INDEPENDENCE AND COMPETENCE

The SGS Group of companies is the world leader in inspection, testing and verification, operating in more than 140 countries and providing services including management systems and service certification; quality, environmental, social and ethical auditing and training; and environmental, social and sustainability report assurance. SGS Japan Inc. affirms our independence from the organization, being free from bias and conflicts of interest with the organization, its subsidiaries and stakeholders.

The assurance team was assembled based on the knowledge, experience and qualifications of the each team member for this assignment, and comprised auditors registered with auditors of ISO9001, ISO14001, ISO45001 and lead verifiers of greenhouse gas emissions.

#### **ASSURANCE OPINION**

Within the scope of the assurance activities employing the methodologies described above, nothing has come to our attention that caused us to believe that the information and data contained within the Report does not provide a fair and balanced description of the organization's sustainability activities for fiscal year 2021. The assurance team is of the opinion that the Report can be used by the Reporting Organization's Stakeholders. We believe that the organization has chosen an appropriate level of assurance for this stage in their reporting.

#### AA1000 ACCOUNTABILITY PRINCIPLES (2018) CONCLUSIONS, FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#### Inclusivity

The Organization identified the relationships between social needs and various media such as GRI Standards, ISO26000, SDGs, and the United Nations Global Compact, and enhanced to address social issues and social value creation as the business issues. All relevant targets of stakeholders, such as customers, shareholders, investors, suppliers, employees, NPO, NGO and students, are identified, and communication activities were carried out with external experts. Needs and expectations received from stakeholders have been incorporated into the Organization through the communication process above, and the actions are being considered. Sustainability issues are integrated into the business issues, and the Organization takes actions by appropriately discussing among executives and reporting the issues approved by director in charge of sustainable management to the Board of Directors.

SGS Japan Inc. confirmed these processes through the assurance assessment.

#### Materiality

The materiality issues identified by the Organization were determined with consideration given to the organizational context, social needs and dialogue with external experts. The Organization is taking necessary actions to address the issues in the entire organization and the relevant divisions through the business activities. KPI for these issues were also set.

SGS Japan Inc. confirmed the above processes through the assurance assessment.

#### Responsiveness

The Organization addresses the identified issues as the business activities. Direct dialogues with stakeholders are also conducted though types of communications. The details of these actions are disclosed through various media including the Report.

SGS Japan Inc. confirmed the above processes through the assurance assessment.

#### **Impact**

The results of responses to identified issues have been reported to stakeholders through a variety of media, such as the Report. It sets out benchmarks such as industry standards and other companies in the same industry to assess the impact of an organization's performance on society.

SGS Japan Inc. confirmed the above processes through the assurance assessment.

#### For and on behalf of SGS Japan Inc.

Senior Executive & Director
Certification and Business Enhancement

13 June, 2022

Signed: Yuji Takeuchi



### The details of the scope of verification

The scope		The boundary and period	The assertion
1	Number and ratio of female	NEC Corporation	643/8.1%
	managers	1 April 2022	
	-	NEC Corporation and its consolidated	2,535/9.6%
		subsidiaries	
		(Excluding group companies of Japan	
		Aviation Electronics Industry, Limited)	
		31 March 2022	
2	Ratio of employees with	NEC Corporation	2.37%
	disabilities	1 June 2021	
		*Domestic consolidated subsidiaries	2.27%
		(13 wholly owned subsidiaries in	
		Japan excluding affiliated companies	
		based on the Act for Promotion of	
		Employment of Persons with	
		Disabilities)	
		1 June 2021	
3	Average age of Employees	NEC Corporation	Total : 43.6
		31 March 2022	Male : 44.3
			Female : 41.4
4	Average years of employment	NEC Corporation	Total : 18.5
		31 March 2022	Male:: 18.9
			Female: 17.3
5	Number of people utilizing	NEC Corporation	366
<u> </u>	childcare leave	1 April 2021~31 March 2022	
6	Number of people utilizing	NEC Corporation	16
<u> </u>	nursing care leave	1 April 2021~31 March 2022	
7	Frequency and severity rate of	NEC Corporation	Frequency rate: 0.0600
<u>_</u>	labor accidents and disasters	1 January 2021~31 December 2021	Severity rate : 0.0026
8	Percentage of officers ranked	NEC Corporation	8.0%
	executive officer or higher who	1 April 2022	
	are female or non-Japanese		
	(excluding Audit & Supervisory		
	Board Members)		