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# 3.9.2 Report of one of the Statutory Auditors, appointed as independent third party, on the verification of the consolidated non-financial statement

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# Year ended June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024

To the annual general meeting,

In our capacity as Statutory Auditor of your company (hereinafter the "Entity") appointed as independent third party, and accredited by the French Accreditation Committee (COFRAC) under number 3-1884<sup>(45)</sup>, we have undertaken a limited assurance engagement on the historical information (observed or extrapolated) in the consolidated non-financial statement, prepared in accordance with the entity's procedures (hereinafter the "Guidelines"), for the year ended June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (hereinafter, the "Information" and the "Statement" respectively), presented in the Group Pernod Ricard's management report pursuant to the legal and regulatory provisions of Articles L. 225 102-1, R. 225-105 and R. 225-105-1 of the French Commercial Code (code de commerce).

#### Conclusion

Based on the procedures we performed as described under the "Nature and scope of procedures" paragraph and the evidence we obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the consolidated non-financial statement is not prepared in accordance with the applicable regulatory provisions and that the Information, taken as a whole, is not presented fairly in accordance with the Guidelines, in all material respects.

#### Preparation of the non-financial performance statement

The absence of a commonly used generally accepted reporting framework or of a significant body of established practices on which to draw to evaluate and measure the Information allows for different, but acceptable, measurement techniques that can affect comparability between entities and over time.

Consequently, the Information needs to be read and understood together with the Guidelines, summarized in the Statement and available on the Entity's website or on request from its headquarters.

#### Inherent limitations in preparing the Information

The Information may be subject to uncertainty inherent to the state of scientific and economic knowledge and the quality of external data used. Some information is sensitive to the choice of methodology and the assumptions or estimates used for its preparation and presented in the Statement.

#### Responsibility of the entity

Management of the entity is responsible for:

- selecting or establishing suitable criteria for preparing the Information,
- preparing a Statement pursuant to legal and regulatory provisions, including a presentation of the business model, a description of the main non-financial risks, a presentation of the policies implemented considering those risks and the outcomes of said policies, including key performance indicators, and the information set out in Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 (Green Taxonomy),
- preparing the Statement by applying the entity's "Guidelines" as referred above, and
- designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control over information relevant to the preparation of the Information that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

The Statement has been prepared by the Board of Directors.

<sup>(45)</sup> Accreditation Cofrac Inspection, number 3-1884, scope available at www.cofrac.fr

## Responsibility of the Statutory Auditor, appointed as independent third party

Based on our work, our responsibility is to provide a report expressing a limited assurance conclusion on:

- The compliance of the Statement with the requirements of Article R. 225-105 of the French Commercial Code,
- The fairness of the historical information (observed or extrapolated) provided pursuant to part 3 of sections I and II of Article R. 225-105 of the French Commercial Code, i.e., the outcomes of policies, including key performance indicators, and measures relating to the main risks.

As we are engaged to form an independent conclusion on the Information as prepared by management, we are not permitted to be involved in the preparation of the Information as doing so may compromise our independence.

It is not our responsibility to report on:

- the entity's compliance with other applicable legal and regulatory provisions (particularly with regard to the information set-out in Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 (Green taxonomy), the French Duty of care law, and provisions against corruption and tax evasion law),
- The fairness of information set out in Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 (Green Taxonomy),
- the compliance of products and services with applicable regulations.

## Applicable regulatory provisions and professional guidance

We performed the work described below in accordance with Articles A. 225-1 et seq. of the French Commercial Code, the professional guidance issued by the French Institute of Statutory Auditors (*Compagnie Nationale des Commissaires aux Comptes*) applicable to such engagements, in particular the professional guidance issued by the Compagnie Nationale des Commissaires aux Comptes, "Intervention du commissaire aux comptes - Intervention de l'OTI - Déclaration de performance extra-financière", acting as the verification program, and with the international standard ISAE 3000 (revised)<sup>(46)</sup>.

## Independence and quality control

Our independence is defined by the provisions of Article L. 821-28 of the French Commercial Code and the French Code of Ethics for Statutory Auditors (*Code de déontologie*) of our profession. In addition, we have implemented a system of quality control including documented policies and procedures aimed at ensuring compliance with applicable legal and regulatory requirements, ethical requirements and the professional guidance issued by the French Institute of Statutory Auditors (*Compagnie Nationale des Commissaires aux Comptes*) relating to this engagement.

#### Means and resources

Our work engaged the skills of twelve people between June 2024 and September 2024 and took a total of eighteen weeks.

We were assisted in our work by our specialists in sustainable development and corporate social responsibility. We conducted around twenty interviews with the people responsible for preparing the Statement.

#### Nature and scope of procedures

We are required to plan and perform our work to address the areas where we have identified that a material misstatement of the Information is likely to arise.

The procedures we performed were based on our professional judgement. In carrying out our limited assurance engagement on the Information:

- We obtained an understanding of all the consolidated entities' activities, and the description of the main related risks,
- We assessed the suitability of the criteria of the Guidelines with respect to their relevance, completeness, reliability, neutrality and understandability, taking into account, where appropriate, best practices within the sector,
- We verified that the Statement includes each category of social and environmental information set out in article L. 225-102-1 III of the French Commercial Code as well as information regarding compliance with human rights, anti-corruption and tax avoidance legislation, and includes, where applicable, an explanation for the absence of the information required under article L. 225-102-1 III, paragraph 2 of the French Commercial Code,
- We verified that the Statement provides the information required under article R. 225-105 II of the French Commercial Code, where relevant with respect to the main risks,
- We verified that the Statement presents the business model and a description of main risks associated with all the consolidated entities' activities, including where relevant and proportionate, the risks associated with their business relationships, products or services, as well as policies, measures and the outcomes thereof, including key performance indicators related to the main risks,
- We verified that the Statement includes a clear and motivated explanation of the reasons for the absence of policies implemented considering one or more of these risks required under Article R.225-105 I of the French Commercial Code,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46)</sup> ISAE 3000 (Revised) - Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information

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- We referred to documentary sources and conducted interviews to:
  - assess the process used to identify and confirm the main risks as well as the consistency of the outcomes, including the key
    performance indicators used, with respect to the main risks and the policies presented,
  - corroborate the qualitative information (measures and outcomes) that we considered to be the most important presented in the Appendices. Concerning certain risks<sup>(47)</sup>, our work was carried out on the consolidating entity, for the other risks, our work was carried out on the consolidating entity and on a selection of entities<sup>(48)</sup>,
- We verified that the Statement covers the consolidated scope, i.e. all the entities within the consolidation scope in accordance with Article L. 233-16 of the French Commercial Code within the limitations set out in the Statement,
- We obtained an understanding of internal control and risk management procedures the entity implemented, and assessed the data collection process aimed at ensuring the completeness and fairness of the Information,
- For the key performance indicators and other quantitative outcomes that we considered to be the most important, presented in the Appendices, we implemented:
  - · analytical procedures to verify the proper consolidation of the data collected and the consistency of any changes in those data,
  - tests of details, using sampling techniques, in order to verify the proper application of definitions and procedures and reconcile the data with supporting documents. This work was carried out on a selection of contributing entities<sup>(47)</sup> and at the entity's headquarters and covers between 20% and 100% of the consolidated data relating to the key performance indicators and outcomes selected for these tests,
- We assessed the overall consistency of the Statement based on our knowledge of all the consolidated entities' activities.

The procedures performed in a limited assurance review are less in extent than for a reasonable assurance opinion in accordance with the professional guidance of the French Institute of Statutory Auditors (Compagnie Nationale des Commissaires aux Comptes), a higher level of assurance would have required us to carry out more extensive procedures.

Paris la Défense, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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Responsible supply chain; Harmful use of alcohol by consumers; Packaging and point of sale material lifecycle management; Sustainable agricultural supply chain Social indicators: Pernod Ricard SA, Pernod Ricard USA, Pernod Ricard India, Pernod Ricard Espana Environmental indicators: Arandas, Nashik Plant, Strathclyde, Åhus Köpmannagatan, Åhus Satellite, Nöbbelöv Distillery, Walkerville