

# Independent Limited Assurance Report

## to the Management of Lubricants UK Ltd

Lubricants UK Ltd (“Castrol”) commissioned DNV Business Assurance Services UK Limited (“DNV”, “us” or “we”) to conduct a limited assurance engagement over the declaration of carbon neutrality in the **Qualifying Explanatory Statement** (the “Report”) for the PATH360 Carbon Neutral Product portfolio made by **Castrol** for the achievement period 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022 and the commitment period 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023.



**Our Conclusion:** Based on the procedures we have performed and the evidence we have obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the Report is not fairly stated and has not been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Criteria.

This conclusion relates only to the Report, and is to be read in the context of this Independent Limited Assurance Report, in particular the inherent limitations explained below.

### Scope of work

The scope and boundary of our work is restricted to assessing that Castrol’s preparation of the declaration of carbon neutrality presented in the Report, is in accordance with the Publicly Available Specification (PAS) 2060:2014 Demonstration of Carbon Neutrality (the “Criteria”).

The products included within the PATH360 Carbon Neutral Products are included in Annex D of the Report.

We have not performed any work, and do not express any conclusion, on any other information that may be published outside of the Report and/or on Castrol’s websites for the current reporting period or for previous periods. Our work also excluded assessing the reliability of the inputs of the carbon footprint model.

### Basis of our conclusion

We are required to plan and perform our work in order to consider the risk of material misstatement of the Report; our work included, but was not restricted to:

- Conducting interviews with Castrol’s management to obtain an understanding of the key processes, systems and controls in place to generate and produce the content of the Report;
- Conducting interviews with the third party in charge of maintaining and updating the carbon footprint model, used in the production of the Report;
- Assessing whether the standards and methodologies used in the carbon footprint model met the Criteria;
- Performing limited substantive testing of the carbon footprint model to check that its data and underlying assumptions had been appropriately measured, recorded and reported; and
- Reviewing that the evidence, calculations and the context provided in the Report is prepared in line with the Criteria.

### Our competence, independence and quality control

DNV’s policies and procedures are designed to ensure that DNV, its personnel and others where applicable, are subject to independence requirements (including personnel of other entities of DNV) and maintain independence where necessary by relevant ethical requirements. This engagement was carried out by an independent team of sustainability assurance professionals. DNV holds other contracts with Castrol, none of which conflict with the scope of this work. Our multi-disciplinary team consisted of professionals with a combination of environmental and sustainability assurance experience.

### Inherent limitations

All assurance engagements are subject to inherent limitations as selective testing (sampling) may not detect errors, fraud or other irregularities. Non-financial data may be subject to greater inherent uncertainty than financial data, given the nature and methods used for calculating, estimating and determining such data. The selection of different, but acceptable, measurement techniques may result in different quantifications between different entities. Our assurance relies on the premise that the data and information provided to us by Castrol have been provided in good faith. DNV expressly disclaims any liability or co-responsibility for any decision a person or an entity may make based on this Independent Limited Assurance Report.

### Standard and level of assurance

We performed a **limited** data only assurance engagement using DNV's assurance methodology VeriSustain™, which is based on our professional experience, the 'Greenhouse Protocol – Product Lifecycle Accounting and Reporting Standard' (2011) and international assurance best practice including the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000 – 'Assurance Engagements other than Audits and Reviews of Historical Financial Information' (revised) issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. This standard requires that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the assurance engagement to obtain limited assurance.

DNV applies its own management standards and compliance policies for quality control, in accordance with ISO/IEC 17021:2015 - Conformity Assessment Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems, and accordingly maintains a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

The procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement vary in nature and timing from, and are less in extent than for, a reasonable assurance engagement; and the level of assurance obtained is substantially lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had a reasonable assurance engagement been performed. We planned and performed our work to obtain the evidence we considered sufficient to provide a basis for our opinion, so that the risk of this conclusion being in error is reduced but not reduced to very low.

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**For and on behalf of DNV Business Assurance Services UK Limited, London, UK**  
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### Responsibilities of Castrol's Management and DNV

The Management of Castrol have sole responsibility for:

- Preparing and presenting the Report in accordance with the Criteria;
- Designing, implementing and maintaining effective internal controls over the information and data, resulting in the preparation of the Report that is free from material misstatements;
- Measuring and reporting the Report's data based on the established Criteria; and
- Contents and statements contained within the Report.

Our responsibility is to plan and perform our work to obtain limited assurance about whether the Report has been prepared in accordance with the Criteria and to report to Castrol in the form of an Independent Limited Assurance Report, based on the work performed and the evidence obtained. We have not been responsible for the preparation of the Report.

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