

Independent Assurance

To Apeel Sciences' Stakeholders

In 2019 Apeel Sciences contracted with SCS Global Services – a leader in third-party environmental, sustainability and food quality certification, auditing, testing, and standards development – to conduct an independent assessment of Apeel's Supplier Responsibility Program. SCS then worked with Apeel in August 2020 to assure the following updated statement regarding their program:

Assured Statement

Apeel's Supplier Code of Conduct and Supplier Responsibility Program have been aligned with the requirements of UN Global Compact and OECD-FAO Guidance for Responsible Agricultural Supply Chains. In order to fulfill the due diligence obligations under the Program, Apeel:

- 1. Evaluates raw material suppliers against a variety of risk factors to determine and implement the appropriate level of oversight and auditing prior to entering into a long-term business relationship.
- 2. Monitors and audits its supply chain on an ongoing basis for alignment with the company's own values and Code of Conduct.
- 3. Works to continually improve its Supplier Responsibility Program by regularly evaluating and updating the program for alignment with best practices and international standards.

Assurance Team and Methodology

Our team was comprised of Neil Mendenhall and Vincent Katharua, and with qualifications available online and upon request. SCS' Assurance Team undertook the following summarized activities:

- Reviewed comprehensiveness of the Apeel's supplier code of conduct based on relevant criteria taken from international standards for responsible companies and supply chains, including the UN Global Compact, and OECD-FAO Guidance for Responsible Agricultural Supply Chains.
- Reviewed Apeel's policies, procedures, and other governance documents for managing their supplier program.
- Corroborate documentation and records by conducting interviews with key staff in relation to the sustainability program.
- Reviewed records including supplier audit plans and reports to evaluate the audit quality in relation to the sustainability program goals.

Conclusion

Based on the methodology and activities performed, it was determined that Apeel Sciences has an existing sustainability program that agrees, in all material ways, with the assurance statement provided.

A detailed report was provided to management with our findings. The report identified gaps and opportunities for improvement which were satisfactorily addressed prior to the conclusion of the assessment.

Independence

SCS Global Services is an independent and internationally accredited conformance assessment body. All members of the assurance team were internally reviewed to ensure they were free from conflicts of interest. SCS has no financial dependence on Apeel Sciences beyond the scope of this engagement.

Declaration

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