

Independent Limited Assurance Report to the Directors of Premier Farnell plc

The Directors of Premier Farnell plc engaged us to provide limited assurance on the information described below and set out in Premier Farnell plc's Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Statement for the Group within the Sustainability Report and the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 2 February 2014.

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 the Selected Information for the year ended 31 December 2013 has not been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Reporting Criteria.

This conclusion is to be read in the context of what we say in the remainder of this report.

Selected Information

We assured the information for the year ended 31 December 2013 presented in the Greenhouse Gas Statement for the Group (the "Selected Information"), <http://www.premierfarnell.com/sustainability>.

The Selected Information and the Reporting Criteria are summarised in the table below. Our assurance does not extend to information in respect of earlier periods or to any other information included in the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 2 February 2014.

Selected Information	Reporting Criteria
Scope 1 emissions	http://www.premierfarnell.com/sustainability
Scope 2 emissions	
Carbon intensity	

Professional standards applied and level of assurance

We have performed a limited assurance engagement in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3410 'Assurance engagements on greenhouse gas statements' (ISAE 3410) and, in respect of intensity measures information, in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 'Assurance Engagements other than Audits and Reviews of Historical Financial information' issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. A limited assurance engagement is substantially less in scope than a reasonable assurance engagement in relation to both the risk assessment procedures, including an understanding of internal control, and the procedures performed in response to the assessed risks.

Our Independence and Quality Control

We have complied with the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) Code of Ethics, which includes independence and other requirements founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour.

We apply International Standard on Quality Control (UK&I) and accordingly maintain a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

Our work was carried out by a team of sustainability and assurance specialists, independent of management.

Understanding reporting and measurement methodologies

Non-financial information needs to be read and understood in conjunction with the Reporting Criteria, given the characteristics of the subject matter and the methods used in determining such information. The absence of a significant body of established practice on which to draw allows for selection of different but acceptable measurement techniques which can result in materially different measurements and can affect comparability. The precision of different measurement techniques may also vary. Furthermore, the nature and methods used to determine such information, as well as measurement criteria and precision thereof, may change over time. The Reporting Criteria used as the basis of Premier Farnell plc's reporting are as at 17 April 2014 and should therefore be read in conjunction with the Selected Information and associated statements as at 17 April 2014 reported on Premier Farnell plc's website.

Work done

Considering the risk of material misstatement of the Selected Information, we:

- made enquiries of relevant management;
- interviewed personnel;
- performed analytical procedures;
- considered the structure and basis of data management system and controls; and
- performed limited testing, on a selective basis, of supporting documentation to the Selected Information disclosed in the GHG Statement for the Group.

Premier Farnell plc's responsibilities

The Directors of Premier Farnell plc are responsible for:

- designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls over information relevant to the preparation of the Selected Information that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error;
- establishing objective Reporting Criteria for preparing the Selected Information;
- measuring and reporting the Selected Information based on the Reporting Criteria; and
- the content of the Greenhouse Gas Statement for the Group and the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 2 February 2014.

Our responsibilities

We are responsible for:

- planning and performing the engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the Selected Information is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error;
- forming an independent conclusion, based on the procedures we have performed and the evidence we have obtained; and
- reporting our conclusion to the Directors of Premier Farnell plc.

This report, including our conclusions, has been prepared solely for the Directors of Premier Farnell plc as a body in accordance with the agreement between us, to assist the Directors in reporting Premier Farnell plc's performance and activities. We permit this report to be disclosed in the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 2 February 2014, to enable the Directors to show they have addressed their governance responsibilities by obtaining an independent

assurance report in connection with the Selected Information. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Directors as a body and Premier Farnell plc for our work or this report except where terms are expressly agreed between us in writing.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

**PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP,
Chartered Accountants, Leeds
17 April 2014**

ⁱThe maintenance and integrity of Premier Farnell plc's website is the responsibility of the Directors; the work carried out by us does not involve consideration of these matters and, accordingly, we accept no responsibility for any changes that may have occurred to the reported Selected Information or Reporting Criteria when presented on Premier Farnell plc's website