

Assurance Statement Gouda Holland/Niedax Kleinhuis

Gouda Holland B.V. and Niedax Kleinhuis B.V. (further referred to as Gouda Holland/Niedax Kleinhuis) has commissioned FIRA Sustainability B.V. (further referred to as FIRA) to provide external assurance on the reliability of its Corporate Social Responsibility information as presented in the CSR-Register (also known as MVO-Register). This statement is issued to Gouda Holland/Niedax Kleinhuis based on our assessment of the content, including underlying systems and available evidence, as disclosed in its CSR Report and CSR Scorecard. This statement is intended for clients and other stakeholders who have a professional interest in Gouda Holland/Niedax Kleinhuis sustainability performance and opportunities.

Scope

The scope for this assignment is: Manufacture and sales of cable support systems by Gouda Holland B.V. (chamber of commerce 29023861) and Niedax Kleinhuis B.V. (chamber of commerce 10030330) based in the Netherlands. Corporate (Niedax GmbH, Germany) and all its other (foreign) subsidiaries are not in scope.

CSR Report: TIM M

Gouda Holland/Niedax Kleinhuis expresses commitment to the principles of corporate social responsibility, and discloses its ambition on CSR issues as prioritized by the CSR-Register, including management approach, policies, measures and plans.

Methodology & Work Undertaken

Organizations process its sustainability information in the CSR-Register. FIRA verifies all claims and information in accordance with the standard particular to the TIM M – CSR Report (see CSR-Register Protocol for details), based on moderate assurance. Claims and related information in the CSR-Register were reviewed based on the evidence made available by Gouda Holland/Niedax Kleinhuis to FIRA to determine the plausibility of information. FIRA ensures that the assessment team possesses the required competencies and adheres to the principles of auditing regarding ethical conduct, professional integrity, and independence.

Conclusion

Gouda Holland/Niedax Kleinhuis reports about initiatives and performance related to sustainability. Based on the work undertaken, we conclude that the claims and information portrayed through its report in the CSR-Register are reliable.

Summary FIRA Comments

We compliment Gouda Holland/Niedax Kleinhuis on initiatives undertaken. Please find a summary of our comments as published in the CSR-Register below:

- ⊙ **Balance & Completeness:** Management approach has been disclosed for a limited number of issues. We encourage Gouda Holland/Niedax Kleinhuis to formulate ambitions and clear objectives for all relevant CSR issues to monitor progress. Monitoring practices on health and safety are in place. We encourage Gouda Holland/Niedax Kleinhuis to disclose practices on prevention of pollution, energy efficiency, sustainable resource use and sustainable procurement.
- ⊙ **Code of Conduct:** A company code of conduct is in place.
- ⊙ **Commitment to CSR:** Gouda Holland/Niedax Kleinhuis has committed to the template CSR declaration, including commitment to all CSR principles and to progress on material issues. We encourage Gouda Holland/Niedax Kleinhuis to work on a company specific declaration.

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On behalf of FIRA,



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