

Firmus Agnitio

Assurance Statement Technische Unie

Technische Unie B.V. (further referred to as Technische Unie) has commissioned FIRA Sustainability B.V. to provide external assurance on the reliability of its Corporate Social Responsibility information as presented in the FIRA Platform. This statement is issued to Technische Unie based on our assessment of the content, including underlying systems and available evidence, as disclosed in the Company Basic CSR Report and CSR Scorecard. This statement is intended for clients and other stakeholders who have a professional interest in Technische Unie sustainability performance and opportunities.

The value of FIRA participation is found in transparency on actual CSR performance information as disclosed in the FIRA Platform. Please visit www.fira.nl to request access.

Scope

The scope for this assignment is: Wholesale activities of installation materials in the field of electrical engineering, lighting, tools, sanitary facilities, heating and climate control by Technische Unie B.V. (chamber of commerce 33235014) based in The Netherlands. Corporate (Sonepar S.A.) and all its other (foreign) subsidiaries and activities are not in scope.

CSR Report: Basic

Technische Unie expresses commitment to the principles of corporate social responsibility, and discloses its ambition on CSR issues as prioritized by FIRA, including management approach, policies, measures and plans.

Methodology & Work Undertaken

FIRA facilitates organizations processing the sustainability information in the FIRA Platform. FIRA ensures that the assessment team possesses the required competencies and adheres to the principles of auditing regarding ethical conduct, professional integrity, and independence. FIRA verifies all claims and information in accordance with the standard particular to the Basic CSR Report (see FIRA Platform Protocol for details). Claims and related information in the FIRA Platform were reviewed based on the evidence made available by Technische Unie to FIRA to determine the plausibility of information.

Conclusion

Technische Unie reports about initiatives and performance related to sustainability. Based on the work undertaken, we conclude that the claims and information portrayed through its Basic CSR Report in the FIRA Platform are reliable.

Summary FIRA Comments

We compliment Technische Unie on initiatives undertaken. Please find a summary of our comments as published in the FIRA Platform below:

- **Balance & Completeness:** Management approach has not been disclosed. We encourage Technische Unie to formulate ambitions and clear objectives for all relevant CSR issues. Practices are focused on climate change, waste collection, social return, human development, promoting sustainability to clients, community and social investment. We encourage Technische Unie to disclose practices on health and safety, business models for the circular economy and sustainable procurement, including conflict minerals and fair pricing.
- **Code of Conduct:** A company code of conduct is in place.
- **Commitment to CSR:** Technische Unie has committed to the template CSR declaration, including commitment to all CSR principles and to progress on material issues. We encourage Technische Unie to develop a company specific CSR declaration.
- **Governance:** CSR responsibilities are assigned at several layers of the organization.
- **Value Chain:** There is limited information on the origin of supplies beyond Technische Unie tier 1 suppliers (upstream). We encourage Technische Unie to collect additional supply chain data for core business related suppliers, with focus on electrical engineering, plumbing, heating and air-conditioning and consumer products.

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(Company CSR information is re-assessed on annual basis).

On behalf of FIRA,

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