

To the Board of Directors of Kommunalbanken AS.

## **Independent accountant's assurance report on Kommunalbanken AS Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Statement**

### **Scope**

We have undertaken a limited assurance engagement of the Greenhouse Gas ("GHG") statement of Kommunalbanken AS for the year ended 31 December 2021, for the period from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021, comprising Scope 1, Scope 2, and selected Scope 3 categories greenhouse gas emissions (the "Subject Matter") presented in Kommunalbanken AS annual report for 2021 on page 62 (the "Report").

Other than as described in the preceding paragraph(s), which sets out the scope of our engagement, we did not perform assurance procedures on the remaining information included in the GHG 2021 Report, and accordingly, we do not express a conclusion on this information.

### **Criteria applied by Kommunalbanken AS**

In preparing Subject Matter, Kommunalbanken AS applied the definitions for Scope 1 to 3, set by the Greenhouse Gas Corporate Standard (the "Criteria"). The Criteria can be accessed at [ghgprotocol.org](http://ghgprotocol.org) and are available to the public. Such Criteria were specifically designed for companies and other organizations preparing a corporate-level GHG emissions inventory. As a result, the subject matter information may not be suitable for another purpose. We consider these reporting criteria to be relevant and appropriate to review the GHG 2021 Report.

### **Kommunalbanken AS responsibilities**

Kommunalbanken AS management is responsible for selecting the Criteria, and for presenting the Subject Matter in accordance with that Criteria, in all material respects. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls, maintaining adequate records and making estimates that are relevant to the preparation of the GHG statement, such that it is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### **EY's responsibilities**

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the presentation of the Subject Matter based on the evidence we have obtained. Our engagement was conducted in accordance with the *ISAE 3000 «Assurance engagements other than audits or reviews of historical financial information»*. This standard requires that we plan and perform our engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether, in all material respects, the Subject Matter is presented in accordance with the Criteria, and to issue a report. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risk of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

We believe that the evidence obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our limited assurance conclusion.

## **Our Independence and Quality Control**

We have maintained our independence and confirm that we have met the requirements of the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants. EY also applies *International Standard on Quality Control 1, Quality Control for Firms that Perform Audits and Reviews of Financial Statements, and Other Assurance and Related Services Engagements*, 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.

## **Description of procedures performed**

Procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement vary in nature and timing from, and are less in extent than for, a reasonable assurance engagement. Consequently the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is substantially lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had a reasonable assurance engagement been performed. Our procedures were designed to obtain a limited level of assurance on which to base our conclusion and do not provide all the evidence that would be required to provide a reasonable level of assurance.

Although we considered the effectiveness of management's internal controls when determining the nature and extent of our procedures, our assurance engagement was not designed to provide assurance on internal controls. Our procedures did not include testing controls or performing procedures relating to checking aggregation or calculation of data within IT systems.

The Green House Gas quantification process is subject to scientific uncertainty, which arises because of incomplete scientific knowledge about the measurement of GHGs. Additionally, quantification of GHG's is subject to estimation (or measurement) uncertainty resulting from the measurement and calculation processes used to quantify emissions within the bounds of existing scientific knowledge.

The engagement consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for preparing the subject matter and related information and applying analytical and other relevant procedures.

Our procedures included:

- ▶ Interviewing those in charge of GHG-reporting at Kommunalbanken AS and conducted process walkthroughs to develop an understanding of the process for the preparation of the Report
- ▶ Obtaining and reviewing evidence on a sample basis to support the material 2021 CO<sub>2</sub> emissions data for Scope 1, 2, and 3 fuel and energy related activity, based on the Greenhouse Gas Corporate Standard.

We believe that our procedures provide us with an adequate basis for our conclusion. We also performed such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

## **Conclusion**

Based on our procedures and the evidence obtained, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to Scope 1, Scope 2 and selected Scope 3 greenhouse gas emissions for the for the period from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021, in order for the Report to be in accordance with the Criteria.

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*(This translation from Norwegian has been made for information purposes only.)*

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