# **GREENHOUSE GAS VERIFICATION REPORT**

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In accordance with ISO 14064 Part 3 2019 and ISO 14016: 2020, UL Solutions has verified, to a limited level of assurance, that the 2021 and 2022 Environmental Performance Report of:

## **SMART TECHNOLOGIES ULC**

Meets the requirements of ISO 14064 Part 1: 2018, WRI GHG Protocol for Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard (Revised edition) and GRI Standards 302(a) and 303(a), and that there is no evidence that the Environmental Performance Report:

- Is not materially correct
- Is not a fair representation of GHG data and information
- Has not been prepared in accordance with related standards

#### January 1st 2021 to December 31st 2021

- Scope 1: 216.5 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e
- Scope 2 (Location-based): 679.1 tonnes of CO₂e
- Scope 2 (Market-based): 492.7 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e
- Energy consumption: 2,498.8 MWhWater consumption: 2,671.0 Megalitres

## January 1st 2022 to December 31st 2022

- Scope 1: 348.3 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e
- Scope 2 (Location-based): 1,039.8 tonnes of CO₂e
- Scope 2 (Market-based): 734.0 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e
- Energy consumption: 3,925.5 MWh
- Water consumption: 5,068.0 Megalitres

**UL Solutions performs** Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Verification in accordance with ISO 14064 Part 3: 2019. Greenhouse Gases: Specification with guidance for the verification and validation of greenhouse gas statements. Verification of additional environmental metrics are performed in accordance with ISO 14016: 2020 Environmental management — Guidelines on the assurance of environmental reports.

UL Solutions applies a riskbased approach to verification that incorporates an investigation of the inherent and control risks associated with reporting.

UL Solutions' verification approach includes but is not limited to the collection and analysis of:

- Qualitative data through the engagement of management.
- Quantitative data through receipt of data files from information management systems.
- Supporting evidence for data.

A full description of the approach taken in this verification can be found in Appendix A.



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## **Smart Technologies ULC**

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#### Introduction

Smart Technologies ULC (hereafter referred to as "SMART") has contracted UL Solutions to verify SMART's Environmental Performance Report to ensure GHG emissions, energy consumption and water consumption statements are free from material error and conform with criteria. SMART has provided Environmental Performance Reports to UL Solutions covering the period of January 1st to December 31st 2021 and January 1st to December 31st 2022. These have been prepared in accordance with ISO 14064 Part 1: 2018, WRI GHG Protocol for Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard (Revised edition) and GRI Standards 302(a) and 303(a).

## **Approach**

UL Solutions performs GHG verification in accordance with ISO 14064 Part 3: 2019: Greenhouse Gases: Specification with guidance for the verification and validation of GHG statements. Verification of additional environmental metrics are performed in accordance with ISO 14016: 2020 Environmental management — Guidelines on the assurance of environmental reports.

UL Solutions applies a risk-based approach to verification that incorporates a detailed understanding of risks associated with environmental reporting and the controls required to mitigate such risks.

UL Solutions' verification approach includes the collection and analysis of:

- Qualitative data through the engagement of management
- Quantitative data through receipt of data files from information management systems
- Supporting evidence for activity data

A full description of the approach can be found in Appendix A.

## Responsibilities

SMART designated themselves as the responsible party for the preparation and fair presentation of their Environmental Performance Report and other supporting information required for evaluation in accordance with the criteria laid out in ISO 14064 Part 1: 2018, WRI GHG Protocol for Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard (Revised edition) and GRI Standards 302(a) and 303(a). UL Solutions is responsible for expressing an opinion of the Environmental Performance Report based on findings from verification activities designed to assess whether it is materially accurate given quantitative and qualitative thresholds. The data assessed is historical in nature and this report is only valid for the Environmental Performance Report of the defined periods.

#### Level of assurance

SMART requested that UL Solutions provide a limited level of assurance for their Environmental Performance Report.

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## **Objectives**

To verify by limited assurance that SMART's Environmental Performance Report is materially accurate for the purposes of reporting in terms of:

- The GHG emissions, energy consumption and water consumption are as declared by the responsible party.
- The data reported are accurate, complete, consistent, transparent, and free of material error or omission.
- The Environmental Performance Report is prepared consistent with the criteria laid out in ISO 14064 Part 1: 2018, WRI GHG Protocol for Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard (Revised edition) and GRI Standards 302(a) and 303(a).

#### Criteria

Criteria against which the verification assessment was undertaken:

- ISO 14064 Part 1: 2018
- WRI GHG Protocol for Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard (Revised edition)
- GRI Standards 302(a) and 303(a)

## Scope

Customer name	SMART Technologies ULC
Customer address	3636 Research Road, NW Calgary, Alberta, Canada
Control approach	Operational Control Approach
Locations/sources	1 facility (Headquarters)
Periods of evaluation	January 1st to December 31st 2021 and 2022
Types of GHG included	CO <sub>2</sub> , CH <sub>4</sub> , N <sub>2</sub> O
GWP values applied	IPCC AR4
Intended users	Internal

Table 1 - Metrics in Scope

Scope	Activities
Scope 1: Stationary combustion	Natural Gas used for heating in buildings, Diesel used in back-up generators
Scope 1: Liquid Fuels	Diesel used in owned fleet
Scope 2: Electricity	Electricity used in facilities – Location-based and Market-based approaches
Energy consumption	Total non-renewable energy use by organization
Water consumption	Total water use by organization

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## **Materiality**

The intended users of the Environmental Performance Statement did not specify a required quantitative materiality threshold. Therefore, UL Solutions has used materiality threshold suggested by the WRI GHG Protocol for Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard (Revised edition), where an error is considered to be materially misleading if its value exceeds 5% of the total inventory for GHG emissions, energy consumption and water consumption.

## **Issuance of Opinion**

In UL Solutions' opinion, based on the evaluation activities conducted in accordance with ISO 14064 Part 3: 2019 and ISO 14016: 2020 to SMART's Environmental Performance Report for January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 and January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, limited level of assurance has determined that there is no evidence that the Environmental Performance Report:

- Is not materially correct
- Is not a fair representation of data and information
- Has not been prepared in accordance with related standards

SMART's Environmental Performance Report have been verified by UL Solutions to a limited level of assurance. The GHG emissions, energy consumption and water consumption

#### January 1st to December 31st 2021

Scope	Unit	Value
Scope 1 GHG emissions	tCO2e	216.5
Scope 2 GHG emissions (location-based)	tCO2e	679.1
Scope 2 GHG emissions (market-based)	tCO2e	492.7
Total energy consumption	MWh	2,498.8
Total water consumption	MegaLitres	2,671

## January 1st to December 31st 2022

Scope	Unit	Value
Scope 1 GHG emissions	tCO2e	348.3
Scope 2 GHG emissions (location-based)	tCO2e	1,039.8
Scope 2 GHG emissions (market-based)	tCO2e	734.0
Total energy consumption	MWh	3,925.5
Total water consumption	MegaLitres	5,068.0

Activities performed to the limited level of assurance are less extensive in nature, timing, and extent than activities performed for a reasonable level of assurance.

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Verifier Signature:

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# Appendix A

## Introduction

Appendix A describes how UL Solutions executed the verification of SMART Technologies ULC's (hereafter referred to as "SMART") Environmental Performance Report issued for 2021 and 2022

## **Execution summary**

The scope of the verification activities was defined during the verification planning stage and were informed by the strategic analysis and risk assessment based on submitted data and industry research.

The verification activities involved, but were not limited to the items below:

- Strategic Analysis
- Risk Assessment
- Verification Activities
- Verification Conclusions
- Recommendations

The verification was executed by the team shown below:

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#### **Environmental Data management system**

Meetings with the Environmental Compliance Manager determined that the selection and management of environmental information was determined by the requirements of internal users:

The boundary of the system encompassed 1 facility and 1 vehicle classified as under operational control. The Environmental Compliance Manager was responsible for the collection and entry of environmental data into a third-party software managing carbon emissions. A review of the software showed features that mitigate control risks such as automated comparisons of values between reporting periods and a full audit trail of entered data.

Based on the review of the Environmental Data management system, UL Solutions did not find evidence that it was not in accordance with the required criteria.

#### **GHG** data and information

Information were reviewed for the following sources: gaseous fuels, liquid fuels, purchased electricity, and water.

**Gaseous fuels:** Data were derived from utility bills showing the consumption of gaseous fuels. The consumption values were allocated to SMART's specific consumption and then multiplied by the relevant emission factor. Based on the review of operational activities during the strategic analysis and of the

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reported gaseous fuel use, UL Solutions did not find evidence that the information was not in accordance with the required criteria.

**Liquid fuels:** Data were derived from utility bills showing the consumption of liquid fuels. These values were then multiplied by the relevant emission factor. Based on the review of operational activities during the strategic analysis and of the reported liquid fuel use, UL Solutions did not find evidence that the information was not in accordance with the required criteria.

**Owned transport:** Data were derived from odometers of the owned vehicle showing the distance travelled. These values were then multiplied by the relevant emission factor. Based on the review of operational activities during the strategic analysis and of the reported owned transport use, UL Solutions did not find evidence that the information was not in accordance with the required criteria.

**Purchased electricity:** Data were derived from utility bills showing electricity consumption in kWh. The consumption values were allocated to SMART's specific consumption and then multiplied with a location-based emission factor and a market-based emission factor. Based on the review of operational activities during the strategic analysis and of the reported purchased electricity used, UL Solutions did not find evidence that the information was not in accordance with the required criteria

**Water:** Data were derived from water invoices showing water consumption in meters cubed. The consumption values were allocated to SMART's specific consumption. Based on the review of operational activities during the strategic analysis and of the reported water used, UL Solutions did not find evidence that the information was not in accordance with the required criteria.

#### Data aggregation processes

The data aggregation process contained two main steps.

Activity data is gathered from utility bills and other sources on a monthly frequency. Where necessary, the activity data are allocated to SMART. These data are then consolidated into quarterly values.

Consolidated activity data is entered into the software, through which CO2e emissions values were calculated and the data from each emissions source was automatically aggregated into the appropriate scopes at the facility level.

The inherent risk that activity data were sourced incorrectly was addressed through substantive testing – reviewing samples of source data to confirm that they were correct for the facility and period under review. The second step was assessed through analytical testing procedures – see data tracing.

#### **Analytical testing**

A range of analytical testing techniques were used including:

**Recalculation:** Multiplying activity data by the stated emission factor to check the correctness of the calculation function within the software solution. This test addressed the risk present by incorrect software configuration. UL Solutions did not find evidence that the calculations were not in accordance with the required criteria.

**Trend analysis:** Observing the progression of data over time to check for the presence of anomalous values. This test addressed the risk presented by the introduction of data using an incorrect unit of measure or an incorrect order of magnitude. UL Solutions did not find evidence that the progression of data over time were not in accordance with the required criteria.

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**Data tracing:** Rebuilding aggregate values from their source (e.g., utility bill) to the organization total to check for the inclusion and correct aggregation of all data. This test addressed the risk that values were mistakenly transferred from the source file to the software solution. UL Solutions did not find evidence that the aggregations were not in accordance with the required criteria.

## **Control testing**

During the strategic analysis, UL Solutions found that a significant portion of the process for the creation of the Environmental Performance Report was facilitated by the software solution used by SMART. As a result, its proper use was found to be the largest control risk. Therefore, inquiries were made into the training received by SMART, in both the collection of the information and the use of the software solution for preparing the Environmental Performance Report. UL Solutions did not find evidence that the training and resulting capabilities of personnel at SMART were insufficient to properly gather activity data and use the system.

#### **Estimate testing**

No estimates were made within the scope of the Environmental Performance Report verified by UL Solutions.