

Independent Verification Statement addressed to Australian Vinyls' Managing Director

Scope

We have been engaged by the management of Australian Vinyls Corporation Limited to verify the completeness and accuracy of the information presented in the 2000/2001 Environment Report (the report), with the exception of the product stewardship section on pages 17-20. The management of Australian Vinyls is responsible for the information represented in this report.

This is Australian Vinyls' third Environment Report and incorporates performance against targets set in the 1999/2000 report which are relevant to the Laverton resins operations.

The content of this year's report has changed and is not readily comparable to prior years, due to the closure of the Altona resins plant, and the management buy out of Australian Vinyls' resins and specialty products businesses in February 2002. Our scope therefore, has been limited to the Laverton resins operation (the site), which is under the control of the new management team at Australian Vinyls.

The objective of our independent verification is to comment on the:

- completeness and accuracy of the data presented, having considered the reliability of the systems and processes for data collation, and
- the content and context of the report.

Data Verification

We examined the completeness and accuracy of the data and information for the site through assessing supporting data and assumptions; testing algorithms/formulae and arithmetic rigour, and assessing systems for data management.

Conclusion

Based on the results of our verification procedures we believe that in all material respects the qualitative and quantitative information presented in the report is a complete and accurate statement of activities and performance for the site.

Data Aggregation

We checked, on a sample basis, the transcription and aggregation of the site reported data, and also reviewed this data for completeness and accuracy, and considered the rigour of the process to control the collation of the data.

Conclusion

Based on the results of our verification of the data we believe that in all material respects, the site data generated in the transcription and aggregation process, and included in this report, is complete and reasonable.

Content and Context of the Report

We examined the content and context of the report to determine whether the information in this report, excluding the product

stewardship section, was consistent with our site verification work, including interviews and discussions with relevant management and staff.


Conclusion

Based on the results of the work we have performed, in all material respects:

- the information presented in the report presents a fair view of the site environment health and safety performance, and
- the report has addressed performance against those objectives set in the 1999/2000 Environment Report which are still relevant to Australian Vinyls' operations.

Performance targets originally set for the Altona Resins operations and the Compounds businesses, are not included in this report.

Australian Vinyls' has developed improved environmental management systems, and the implementation of new management systems has improved the integrity of environmental performance data. Continuing commitment to environmental improvements is a stated objective by the management at Australian Vinyls.



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