



# ASSURANCE STATEMENT

## SGS STATEMENT OF INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE of the Credit Suisse reporting on corporate responsibility 2018

### SCOPE

SGS was commissioned by Credit Suisse to conduct an independent assurance of selected indicators of the GRI-based disclosure on corporate responsibility 2018 published at [www.credit-suisse.com/responsibility](http://www.credit-suisse.com/responsibility). The scope of the assurance, based on the «SGS Sustainability Report Assurance» methodology, included texts and 2018 data contained in the GRI Content Index and the Corporate Responsibility Report 2018 of Credit Suisse and referenced information on the website of Credit Suisse as quoted in the GRI Content Index. The assessment was conducted for the following GRI indicators: Organizational profile: 102,8; 102,11; 102,12; 102,13; Ethics and Integrity: 102,16; Governance: 102,20; 102,29; 102,31; Economic: 203,1; 203,2; Environmental: Materials: 301,1; 301,2; Energy: 302,1; 302,3; 302,4; Water: 303,1; Biodiversity: 304,1; 304,2; Emissions: 305,1; 305,2; 305,3; 305,4; 305,5; Effluents and Waste: 306,1; 306,2; Supplier Environmental Assessment: 308,1; Social: Employment: 401,1; Training and Education: 404,1; 404,2; 404,3; Diversity and Equal Opportunity: 405,1; Freedom of Association and Collective Bargaining: 407,1; Child Labor: 408,1; Forced or Compulsory Labour: 409,1; Human Rights Assessment: 412,1; 412,3; Supplier Social Assessment: 414,1. The assurance process did not consider any data from previous years.

### CONTENT

The Board of Directors or the Executive Board and the Management of the organization are responsible for the details provided in the Corporate Responsibility Report 2018 and on the website. SGS was not involved in the preparation of any of the material included in the GRI Content Index and acted as an independent assessor of the data and text using the Global Reporting Initiative GRI Sustainability Reporting Standard 2016 as a standard. The content of this Assessor's Statement and the opinion(s) it gives are the responsibility of SGS.

### CERTIFIER INDEPENDENCE AND COMPETENCIES

The SGS Group is active as a globally leading company in the areas of assurance, testing, verifying and certifying in more than 140 countries and provides services, including the certification of management systems and services. SGS confirms that it is independent from Credit Suisse. It is unbiased and no conflicts of interest exist with the organization, its subsidiaries and beneficiaries. The assurance team was assembled based on knowledge, experience and qualifications for this assignment.

### METHODOLOGY

The audit was performed in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements ISAE 3000 (limited level of assurance). We have checked the comparability, accuracy, reliability and clarity of the indicators mentioned above. Concerning the EN (environmental) data, SGS has also certified the environmental management system of Credit Suisse, in accordance with ISO 14001:2015. The assurance process comprised meetings with relevant employees and verification of the documentation, data and recordings. Financial data was not checked back to its source as part of this assurance process.

### OPINION

The statements made in the Corporate Responsibility Report 2018 and the GRI Content Index relate to a system, the scope of which is defined in the bank's reporting (Credit Suisse). On the basis of the above methodology, we did not detect any instances from which we would have to conclude that the information and data disclosed by Credit Suisse may be incorrect. The information and data disclosed represent, to our mind, a fair and balanced picture of the corporate responsibility efforts made by Credit Suisse in 2018. The implementation of the relevant instructions was carried out at those parties involved, where Credit Suisse regarded them to be significant or feasible. In an internal report, we made recommendations in regard to the further development of the reporting on corporate responsibility as well as the management system. We believe that the existing gaps are not significant.

### SIGNED FOR AND ON BEHALF OF SGS

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Zurich, 25 March 2019

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