

Cembre S.p.A.

Financial statements as at December 31st 2024

Independent auditor's report pursuant to article 14 of
Legislative Decree n. 39, dated 27 January 2010, and article
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To the Shareholders of
Cembre S.p.A.

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Cembre S.p.A. (the Company), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31st 2024, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in shareholder's equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information.

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at December 31st 2024, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with IFRS accounting standards issued by International Accounting Standards Board as adopted by the European Union and with the regulations issued for implementing art. 9 of Legislative Decree n. 38/2005.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA Italia). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the regulations and standards on ethics and independence applicable to audits of financial statements under Italian Laws. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Key Audit Matters

There are no key audit matters to be communicated in this report.

Responsibilities of Directors and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

The Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with IFRS accounting standards issued by International Accounting Standards Board as adopted by the European Union and with the regulations issued for implementing art. 9 of Legislative Decree n. 38/2005, and, within the terms provided by the law, for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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The Directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern and, when preparing the financial statements, for the appropriateness of the going concern assumption, and for appropriate disclosure thereof. The Directors prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless they either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The statutory audit committee ("Collegio Sindacale") is responsible, within the terms provided by the law, for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA Italia) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA Italia), we have exercised professional judgment and maintained professional skepticism throughout the audit. In addition:

- we have identified and assessed the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, designed and performed audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtained audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control;
- we have obtained an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control;
- we have evaluated the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Directors;
- we have concluded on the appropriateness of Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to consider this matter in forming our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern;
- we have evaluated the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We have communicated with those charged with governance, identified at an appropriate level as required by ISA Italia, regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We have provided those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with the ethical and independence requirements applicable in Italy, and we have communicated them all matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, the actions taken to eliminate relevant risks or the safeguard measures applied.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we have determined those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We have described these matters in our auditor's report.

Additional information pursuant to article 10 of EU Regulation n. 537/14

The shareholders of Cembre S.p.A., in the general meeting held on April 26th 2018, engaged us to perform the audits of the financial statements for each of the years ending December 31st 2018 to December 31st 2026.

We declare that we have not provided prohibited non-audit services, referred to article 5, par. 1, of EU Regulation n. 537/2014, and that we have remained independent of the Company in conducting the audit.

We confirm that the opinion on the financial statements included in this report is consistent with the content of the additional report to the audit committee (Collegio Sindacale) in their capacity as audit committee, prepared pursuant to article 11 of the EU Regulation n. 537/2014.

Report on compliance with other legal and regulatory requirements

Opinion on the compliance with Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/815

The Directors of Cembre S.p.A. are responsible for applying the provisions of the European Commission Delegated Regulations (EU) 2019/815 for the regulatory technical standards on the specification of a single electronic reporting format (ESEF – European Single Electronic Format) (the “Delegated Regulation”) to the financial statements, to be included in the annual financial report.

We have performed the procedures under the auditing standard SA Italia n. 700B, in order to express an opinion on the compliance of the financial statements as at December 31st 2024 with the provisions of the Delegated Regulation.

In our opinion, the financial statements as at December 31st 2024 have been prepared in the XHTML format in compliance with the provisions of the Delegated Regulation.

Opinion and statement pursuant to article 14, paragraph 2, subparagraph e), e-*bis*) and e-*ter*) of Legislative Decree n. 39 dated 27 January 2010 and pursuant to article 123-bis, paragraph 4, of Legislative Decree n. 58, dated 24 February 1998

The Directors of Cembre S.p.A. are responsible for the preparation of the Report on Operations and of the Report on Corporate Governance and Ownership Structure of Cembre S.p.A. as at December 31st 2024, including their consistency with the related financial statements and their compliance with the applicable laws and regulations.

We have performed the procedures required under audit standard SA Italia n. 720B, in order to:

- express an opinion on the consistency of the Report on Operations and of specific information included in the Report on Corporate Governance and Ownership Structure as provided for by article 123-bis, paragraph 4, of Legislative Decree n. 58, dated 24 February 1998, with the financial statements;
- express an opinion of the compliance with the laws and regulations of the Report on Operations, excluding the section related to the consolidated sustainability information, and the above mentioned specific information included in the Report on Corporate Governance and Ownership Structure pursuant article n. 123-bis, paragraph 4, of Legislative Decree n. 58, dated 24 February 1998;
- issue a statement on any material misstatement in the Report on Operations and in certain specific information contained in the Report on Corporate Governance and Ownership Structure pursuant article n. 123-bis, paragraph 4, of Legislative Decree n. 58, dated 24 February 1998.

In our opinion, the Report on Operations and the specific information contained in the Report on Corporate Governance and Ownership Structure pursuant article n. 123-bis, paragraph 4, of Legislative Decree n. 58, dated 24 February 1998, are consistent with the financial statements of Cembre S.p.A. as at December 31st 2024.

Furthermore, in our opinion, the Report on Operations, excluding the section related to the consolidated sustainability information reported in the Cembre Group Report on Operations, and the specific information contained in the Report on Corporate Governance and Ownership Structure pursuant article n. 123-bis, paragraph 4, of Legislative Decree n. 58, dated 24 February 1998, comply with the applicable laws and regulations.

With reference to the statement required by art. 14, paragraph 2, subparagraph *e-ter*), of Legislative Decree n. 39, dated 27 January 2010, based on our knowledge and understanding of the entity and its environment obtained through our audit, we have no matters to report.

Our opinion on compliance with applicable laws and regulations does not extend to the section of the Report on Operations related to consolidated sustainability information. The conclusion on the compliance of this section with the applicable standards governing its preparation criteria and the compliance with the disclosure requirements pursuant to article 8 of (EU) Regulation 2020/852 are formulated by us in the attestation report pursuant to article 14-bis of Legislative Decree No. 39 dated 27 January 2010.

Brescia, 28 March 2025

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Signed by: Andrea Barchi, Auditor

As disclosed by the Directors on page 2, the accompanying financial statements of Cembre S.p.A. constitute a non-official version which is not compliant with the provisions of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/815. This independent auditor's report has been translated into the English language solely for the convenience of international readers. Accordingly, only the original text in Italian language is authoritative.

Cembre S.p.A.

Consolidated financial statements as at December 31st 2024

Independent auditor's report pursuant to article 14 of
Legislative Decree n. 39, dated 27 January 2010, and article
10 of EU Regulation n. 537/2014

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To the Shareholders of
Cembre S.p.A.

Report on the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Cembre Group (the Group), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31st 2024, the statement of consolidated comprehensive income, statement of changes in the consolidated shareholder's equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including material accounting policy information.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Group as at December 31st 2024, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with IFRS accounting standards issued by International Accounting Standards Board as adopted by the European Union and with the regulations issued for implementing art. 9 of Legislative Decree n. 38/2005.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA Italia). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Cembre S.p.A. in accordance with the regulations and standards on ethics and independence applicable to audits of financial statements under Italian Laws. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

We identified the following key audit matters:

Key Audit Matter	Audit Response
Valuation of the goodwill related to Germany CGU	<p>The consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2024 include goodwill balance for € 4,6 million entirely related to the Germany Cash Generating Unit (CGU). The processes and the valuation techniques adopted by management to determine the recoverable value of the CGU, in terms of value in use, are based on complex assumptions that, by their nature, involve management judgement, particularly for the estimating forecast cash flows included in the business plan, the normalized cash flows used to calculate the terminal value and the growth and discount rates applied. Considering the level of management judgement and complexity of the assumptions adopted in the assessment of the recoverable amount of goodwill, we determined that this area represents a key audit matter. The goodwill required disclosures are reported in note 4 "Goodwill" paragraph "Goodwill" of the consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2024.</p> <p>Our audit procedures in response to the key audit matter included, among others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gained an understanding of the relevant controls over the process for determining the recoverable amounts within the goodwill impairment test. • Assessed the correctness of the perimeter considered in the identification of the CGU. • Assessed the reasonableness of the forecasted cash flows. • Assessed the coherence of the forecasted cash flows adopted for the CGU and the business plan for the period 2025-2028. • Assessed the long period growth rate and discount rate assumed by management. <p>In performing our audit procedures, we involved EY internal valuation specialists who performed an independent recalculation and a sensitivity analysis of main assumptions, in order to determine any significant impacts on the valuation of the recoverable amount.</p> <p>Lastly, we evaluated the appropriateness of the disclosure included in the consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2024.</p>

Responsibilities of Directors and Those Charged with Governance for the Consolidated Financial Statements

The Directors are responsible for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with IFRS accounting standards issued by International Accounting Standards Board as adopted by the European Union and with the regulations issued for implementing art. 9 of Legislative Decree n. 38/2005, and, within the terms provided by the law, for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

The Directors are responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern and, when preparing the consolidated financial statements, for the appropriateness of the going concern assumption, and for appropriate disclosure thereof. The Directors prepare the consolidated financial statements on a going concern basis unless they either intend to liquidate the Parent Company Cembre S.p.A. or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The statutory audit committee ("Collegio Sindacale") is responsible, within the terms provided by the law, for overseeing the Group's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA Italia) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA Italia), we have exercised professional judgment and maintained professional skepticism throughout the audit. In addition:

- we have identified and assessed the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, designed and performed audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtained audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control;
- we have obtained an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control;
- we have evaluated the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Directors;
- we have concluded on the appropriateness of Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to consider this matter in forming our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern;
- we have evaluated the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation;
- we have obtained sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We have communicated with those charged with governance, identified at an appropriate level as required by ISA Italia, regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We have provided those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with the ethical and independence requirements applicable in Italy, and we have communicated them all matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, the actions taken to eliminate relevant risks or the safeguard measures applied.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we have determined those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We have described these matters in our auditor's report.

Additional information pursuant to article 10 of EU Regulation n. 537/14

The shareholders of Cembre S.p.A., in the general meeting held on April 26th 2018, engaged us to perform the audits of the consolidated financial statements for each of the years ending December 31st 2018 to December 31st 2026.

We declare that we have not provided prohibited non-audit services, referred to article 5, par. 1, of EU Regulation n. 537/2014, and that we have remained independent of the Group in conducting the audit.

We confirm that the opinion on the consolidated financial statements included in this report is consistent with the content of the additional report to the audit committee (Collegio Sindacale) in their capacity as audit committee, prepared pursuant to article 11 of the EU Regulation n. 537/2014.

Report on compliance with other legal and regulatory requirements

Opinion on the compliance with Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/815

The Directors of Cembre S.p.A. are responsible for applying the provisions of the European Commission Delegated Regulations (EU) 2019/815 for the regulatory technical standards on the specification of a single electronic reporting format (ESEF – European Single Electronic Format) (the “Delegated Regulation”) to the consolidated financial statements, to be included in the annual financial report.

We have performed the procedures under the auditing standard SA Italia n. 700B, in order to express an opinion on the compliance of the consolidated financial statements as at December 31st 2024 with the provisions of the Delegated Regulation.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements as at December 31st 2024 have been prepared in the XHTML format and have been marked-up, in all material aspects, in compliance with the provisions of the Delegated Regulation.

Due to certain technical limitations, some information included in the notes to the consolidated financial statements when extracted from the XHTML format to an XBRL instance may not be reproduced in an identical manner with respect to the corresponding information presented in the consolidated financial statements in XHTML.

Opinion and statement pursuant to article 14, paragraph 2, subparagraph e), e-bis) and e-ter) of Legislative Decree n. 39 dated 27 January 2010 and pursuant to article 123-bis, paragraph 4, of Legislative Decree n. 58, dated 24 February 1998

The Directors of Cembre S.p.A. are responsible for the preparation of the Report on Operations and of the Report on Corporate Governance and Ownership Structure of Group Cembre as at December 31st 2024, including their consistency with the related consolidated financial statements and their compliance with the applicable laws and regulations.

We have performed the procedures required under audit standard SA Italia n. 720B, in order to:

- express an opinion on the consistency of the Report on Operations and of specific information included in the Report on Corporate Governance and Ownership Structure as provided for by article 123-bis, paragraph 4, of Legislative Decree n. 58, dated 24 February 1998, with the consolidated financial statements;
- express an opinion of the compliance with the laws and regulations of the Report on Operations, excluding the section related to the consolidated sustainability information, and the above mentioned specific information included in the Report on Corporate Governance and Ownership Structure pursuant article n. 123-bis, paragraph 4, of Legislative Decree n. 58, dated 24 February 1998;
- issue a statement on any material misstatement in the Report on Operations and in certain specific information contained in the Report on Corporate Governance and Ownership Structure pursuant article n. 123-bis, paragraph 4, of Legislative Decree n. 58, dated 24 February 1998.

In our opinion, the Report on Operations and the specific information contained in the Report on Corporate Governance and Ownership Structure pursuant article n. 123-bis, paragraph 4, of Legislative Decree n. 58, dated 24 February 1998, are consistent with the consolidated financial statements of Cembre Group as at December 31st 2024.

Furthermore, in our opinion, the Report on Operations, excluding the section related to the consolidated sustainability information, and the specific information contained in the Report on Corporate Governance and Ownership Structure pursuant article n. 123-bis, paragraph 4, of Legislative Decree n. 58, dated 24 February 1998, comply with the applicable laws and regulations.

With reference to the statement required by art. 14, paragraph 2, subparagraph *e-ter*), of Legislative Decree n. 39, dated 27 January 2010, based on our knowledge and understanding of the entity and its environment obtained through our audit, we have no matters to report.

Our opinion on compliance with applicable laws and regulations does not extend to the section of the Report on Operations related to consolidated sustainability information. The conclusion on the compliance of this section with the applicable standards governing its preparation criteria and the compliance with the disclosure requirements pursuant to article 8 of (EU) Regulation 2020/852 are formulated by us in the attestation report pursuant to article 14-bis of Legislative Decree No. 39 dated 27 January 2010.

Brescia, 28 March 2025

EY S.p.A.

Signed by: Andrea Barchi, Auditor

As disclosed by the Directors on page 2, the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Cembre S.p.A. constitute a non-official version which is not compliant with the provisions of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/815. This independent auditor's report has been translated into the English language solely for the convenience of international readers. Accordingly, only the original text in Italian language is authoritative.

Cembre S.p.A.

Independent auditor's report on the limited assurance of
the consolidated sustainability report in accordance with
Article 14-bis of Legislative Decree n. 39, dated 27
January 2010

Independent auditor's report on the limited assurance of the consolidated sustainability report in accordance with Article 14-bis of Legislative Decree n. 39, dated 27 January 2010 (Translation from the original Italian text)

To the Shareholders of
Cembre S.p.A.

Conclusions

We have been appointed to perform a limited assurance engagement pursuant to Articles 8 and 18, paragraph 1, of Legislative Decree n. 125 dated 6 September 2024 (hereinafter "Decree") on the consolidated sustainability report of Cembre S.p.A. and its subsidiaries (hereinafter "Group" or "Cembre Group") for the year ended on 31 December 2024, prepared in accordance with Article 4 of the Decree, included in the specific section of the Report on operations of Cembre Group.

Based on the procedures performed, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that:

- the Cembre Group consolidated sustainability report for the year ended on 31 December 2024, has not been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the reporting principles adopted by the European Commission pursuant to European Directive 2013/34/EU (*European Sustainability Reporting Standards*, hereinafter also referred to as "ESRS");
- the information included in the paragraph "*Information pursuant to Article 8 of Regulation 2020/852*" of the consolidated sustainability report has not been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with Article 8 of European Regulation n. 852 dated 18 June 2020 (hereinafter "Taxonomy Regulation").

Elements underlying the conclusions

We have performed a limited assurance engagement in accordance with the Sustainability Reporting Assurance Standard ("*Principio di Attestazione della Rendicontazione di sostenibilità*") – SSAE (Italy). The procedures performed in this type of engagement vary in nature and timing compared to those necessary for conducting an engagement aimed at obtaining a reasonable level of assurance and are also less extensive. Consequently, the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is substantially lower than the level of assurance that would have been obtained if the engagement aimed to acquire a reasonable level of assurance. Our responsibilities under this Standard are further described in the section "*Auditor's responsibility for the Assurance on the consolidated sustainability report*" of this report.

We are independent in accordance with the standards and principles regarding ethics and independence applicable to the assurance engagement of the consolidated sustainability report according to Italian law.

Our audit firm applies the International Standard on Quality Control (ISQM Italy) 1, under which it is required to establish, implement, and operate a quality management system that includes instructions and procedures on compliance with ethical principles, professional principles, and applicable legal and regulatory provisions.

We believe we have obtained sufficient and appropriate evidence on which to base our conclusions.

Other Matters – Comparative information

The consolidated sustainability report for the year ended on 31 December 2024, contains, in the specific section "*Information pursuant to Article 8 of Regulation 2020/852*" the comparative information referred to in Article 8 of the Taxonomy Regulation related to the year ended on 31 December 2023, which has not been subjected to verification.

Responsibility of the Cembre Group Directors and Board of Statutory Auditors for the consolidated sustainability report

The Directors are responsible for the development and implementation of procedures used to identify the information included in the consolidated sustainability report in accordance with the requirements of the ESRS (hereinafter the "Materiality assessment process") and for the description of such procedures in the paragraph "*Managing impacts, risks and opportunities*" of the consolidated sustainability report.

The Directors are also responsible for the preparation of the consolidated sustainability report, which contains the information identified through the Materiality assessment process, in accordance with the requirements of Article 4 of the Decree, including:

- compliance with ESRS;
- compliance with Article 8 of the EU Taxonomy Regulation regarding the information contained in the paragraph "*Information pursuant to Article 8 of Regulation 2020/852*".

This responsibility entails the establishment, implementation, and maintenance, as required by law, for that part of internal control that they consider necessary in order to allow the preparation of the consolidated sustainability report in accordance with the requirements of Article 4 of the Decree, free from material misstatements caused by fraud or not intentional behaviors or events. This responsibility also includes the selection and application of appropriate methods for processing the information as well as the development of assumptions and estimates regarding specific sustainability information that are reasonable under the circumstances.

The Board of Statutory Auditors is responsible, within the terms provided by the law, for overseeing the compliance with the requirements of the Decree.

Inherent limitations in the preparation of the consolidated sustainability report

As indicated in paragraph "*Criteria for drafting*", for the purpose of reporting prospective information in accordance with the ESRS, the Directors are required to prepare such information based on assumptions, described in the consolidated sustainability report, regarding events that may occur in the future and possible future actions by the Group. Due to the uncertainty associated with the realization of any future events, both concerning the occurrence itself and regarding the extent and timing of its occurrence, the variations between actual values and prospective information could be significant.

As indicated in the paragraph "*Criteria for drafting*", the information related to Scope 3 greenhouse gas emissions is subject to greater Inherent limitations compared to Scope 1 and 2, due to the limited availability and accuracy of the information used to define such information, both quantitative and qualitative, as well as due to reliance on data, information, and evidence provided by third parties.

Auditor's responsibility for the Assurance of the consolidated sustainability report

Our objectives are to plan and perform procedures to obtain a limited level of assurance that the consolidated sustainability report is free from material misstatements, due to fraud or not intentional behaviors or events, and to issue a report containing our conclusions. Errors may arise from fraud or not intentional behaviors or events and are considered significant if it can be reasonably expected that they, individually or in the aggregate, could influence the decisions made by users based on the consolidated sustainability report.

In the context of the engagement aimed at obtaining a limited level of assurance in accordance with the Sustainability Reporting Assurance Standard ("*Principio di Attestazione della Rendicontazione di Sostenibilità*") - SSAE (Italy), we exercised professional judgment and maintained professional skepticism throughout the duration of the engagement.

Our responsibilities include:

- considering the risks to identify the information in which a significant error is likely to occur, whether due to fraud or not intentional behaviors or events;
- defining and performing procedures to verify the information in which a significant error is likely to occur. The risk of not detecting a significant error due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting a significant error arising from not intentional behaviors or events, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misleading representations, or manipulation of internal controls;
- directing, supervising, and conducting the limited assurance of the consolidated sustainability report and assuming full responsibility for the conclusions regarding the consolidated sustainability report.

Summary of the work performed

An engagement aimed at obtaining a limited level of assurance involves performing procedures to obtain evidence as a basis for formulating our conclusions.

The procedures performed on the consolidated sustainability report were based on our professional judgment and included interviews, primarily with the company personnel responsible for preparing the information included in the consolidated sustainability report, as well as documents analysis, recalculations and other procedures aimed to obtain evidence considered appropriate.

In particular, we performed the following procedures, partly in a preliminary phase before the end of the year and subsequently in a final phase up to the date of issuance of this report:

- understanding the business model, the Group's strategies, and the context in which it operates concerning sustainability issues;
- understanding the processes underlying the generation, detection, and management of the qualitative and quantitative information included in the consolidated sustainability report, including the analysis of the reporting perimeter;
- understanding the process implemented by the Group for identifying and assessing relevant impacts, risks, and opportunities based on the principle of Double Materiality concerning sustainability issues and verifying the related information included in the consolidated sustainability report;
- identifying the information for which there is a likelihood of a significant error risk;



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- defining and performing analytical and substantive procedures, based on our professional judgment, to address the identified significant error risks, including:
 - for the information collected at the Group level:
 - carrying out inquiries and document analysis regarding qualitative information, particularly policies, actions, and targets on sustainability issues, to verify consistency with the evidence collected;
 - performing analytical procedures and limited assurance procedures on a sample basis regarding quantitative information;
 - for the information collected at site level, conducting on-site visit for Cembre S.p.A. (Brescia site). This site was selected based on its activity and its relevance to the metrics of the consolidated sustainability report. During these visit, we conducted interviews with Group personnel and obtained documentary evidence regarding the determination of the metrics.
- regarding the requirements of Article 8 of the EU Taxonomy Regulation, understanding the process implemented by the Group to identify eligible economic activities and determine their aligned nature based on the provisions of the EU Taxonomy Regulation, and verifying the related information included in the consolidated sustainability report;
- cross-checking the information reported in the consolidated sustainability report with the information contained in the consolidated financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework or with the accounting data used for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements or with the management data of an accounting nature;
- verifying the structure and presentation of the information included in the consolidated sustainability report in accordance with the ESRS;
- obtaining the representation letter.

Brescia, March 28, 2025

EY S.p.A.

Signed by: Andrea Barchi, Auditor

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