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## Validation and Test Certification

Quality Austria Trainings, Zertifizierungs und Begutachtungs GmbH, Zelinkagasse 10, 1010 Wien, Austria, has been commissioned by ADVA Optical Networking SE with its corporate headquarters at Campus Martinsried, Fraunhoferstrasse 9a, 82152 Martinsried / Munich Germany to evaluate the company's conformity with regard to the international norms for sustainability reports according to the Global Reporting Initiative, GRI Standard, with the option "Core".

The defined focus areas as well as the key performance indicators determined our methods of examination. Figures, which were taken from external studies, were not verified. Only the correct transfer of the relevant data in the report was evaluated. There was also no further evaluation of financial statements and performance indicators, which were carried out by a certified public accountant at the close of the financial year. We only examined the conforming display of the GRI account data in this report. The evaluation of future indications was also not part of our mandate.

The management of ADVA Optical Networking SE is wholly responsible for the compilation of the report, as well as its content, in accordance with the set down criteria. This responsibility encompasses the development, implementation, and the surety of internal controls, which in turn are essential for the generation of this reporting, in order to avoid the inclusion of false information.

During the validation, not only the evaluation of formal reporting criteria was undertaken, but also the qualitative establishment of sustainability processes in the company were taken into consideration.

The company ADVA Optical Networking SE affirms (with this report) the strict ongoing alignment within the bounds of sustainability. This orientation may be noticeably experienced in companies during the reporting process. The aspects of sustainability are integrated into the integral business practices in a well-structured manner. The annual development is also integrated into the planning cycle and the sustainability goals are derived from this strategy. Selected key figures flow in the reporting to periodical pursuit of the process goals.

Special attention should be drawn to the official acceptance of the target proposals for the Science Based Targets initiative as the most important initiative addressing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

The following focal points will be targeted during the reporting phase:

- ❖ CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (responsible for global warming)
- ❖ Circular economy (with its impact on, e.g., product design)
- ❖ People & partners (several initiatives in the areas CSR and SCM)

The auditor, Manfred Haselbacher, had thorough access to all necessary documents, which were unconditionally at his disposal, during the validation and hereby verifies that the sustainability report of ADVA Optical Networking SE with its head offices in Munich meets all the GRI requirements as laid down in the GRI Standard Core option.

The company ADVA Optical Networking SE has chosen GRI as reporting standard to comply with the non-financial declaration as stipulated in the German Commercial Code ("Handelsgesetzbuch": HGB), in particular §§ 289c, 315c HGB. ADVA Optical Networking SE accepts full responsibility for the figures used in the report.

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