

Assurance Statement Gouda Holland / Niedax Kleinhuis

Gouda Holland B.V. and Niedax Kleinhuis B.V. (further referred to as Gouda Holland / Niedax Kleinhuis) has commissioned FIRA Sustainability B.V. to provide external assurance on the reliability of its Corporate Social Responsibility information as presented in the FIRA Platform. This statement is issued to Gouda Holland / Niedax Kleinhuis based on our assessment of the content, including underlying systems and available evidence, as disclosed in the Company Basic CSR Report and CSR Scorecard. This statement is intended for clients and other stakeholders who have a professional interest in Gouda Holland / Niedax Kleinhuis sustainability performance and opportunities.

The value of FIRA participation is found in transparency on actual CSR performance information as disclosed in the FIRA Platform. Please visit www.fira.nl to request access.

Scope

The scope for this assignment is: Manufacture and sales of cable support systems by Gouda Holland B.V. (chamber of commerce 29023861) and Niedax Kleinhuis B.V. (chamber of commerce 10030330) based in the Netherlands. Corporate (Niedax GmbH, Germany) and all its other (foreign) subsidiaries are not in scope.

CSR Report: Basic

Gouda Holland / Niedax Kleinhuis expresses commitment to the principles of corporate social responsibility, and discloses its ambition on CSR issues as prioritized by FIRA, including management approach, policies, measures and plans.

Methodology & Work Undertaken

FIRA facilitates organizations processing the sustainability information in the FIRA Platform. FIRA ensures that the assessment team possesses the required competencies and adheres to the principles of auditing regarding ethical conduct, professional integrity, and independence. FIRA verifies all claims and information in accordance with the standard particular to the Basic CSR Report (see FIRA Platform Protocol for details). Claims and related information in the FIRA Platform were reviewed based on the evidence made available by Gouda Holland / Niedax Kleinhuis to FIRA to determine the plausibility of information.

Conclusion

Gouda Holland / Niedax Kleinhuis reports about initiatives and performance related to sustainability. Based on the work undertaken, we conclude that the claims and information portrayed through its Basic CSR Report in the FIRA Platform are reliable.

Summary FIRA Comments

We compliment Gouda Holland / Niedax Kleinhuis on initiatives undertaken. Please find a summary of the comments (accomplishments and/or opportunities for improvement) published in the FIRA Platform below:

- ③ **Balance & Completeness:** Management approach is disclosed on health and safety and prevention of pollution. We encourage Gouda Holland / Niedax Kleinhuis to formulate ambitions and clear objectives for all relevant CSR issues. Practices are focused on health and safety and community involvement. We encourage Gouda Holland / Niedax Kleinhuis to disclose practices on prevention of pollution, energy efficiency, sustainable resource use and sustainable procurement.
- ③ **Code of Conduct:** A company code of conduct is in place.
- ③ **Commitment to CSR:** Gouda Holland / Niedax Kleinhuis has committed to the template CSR declaration, including commitment to all CSR principles and to progress on material issues. We encourage Gouda Holland/Niedax Kleinhuis to work on a company specific declaration.
- ③ **Governance:** CSR responsibilities are assigned on management level.

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(Company CSR information is re-assessed on annual basis).

On behalf of FIRA,



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