

# **Carbon Reduction Plan**

RSM UK Holdings Ltd - November 2023

# **Commitment to achieving Net Zero**

RSM UK Holdings Ltd is committed to achieving Net Zero emissions by 2030.

# **Baseline Emissions Footprint**

Baseline year: Year to March 2020

#### Additional details relating to the Baseline Emissions calculations.

This is RSM's baseline emissions calculation.

#### **Baseline year emissions:**

EMISSIONS	TOTAL (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)
Scope 1	232.9
Scope 2	1410.0

### Scope 3 (Included sources)

#### Upstream transportation and distribution:

Not quantified as yet – this may be something we aim to measure in the future.

#### Waste generated in operations:

This is unlikely to be material but we plan to start measuring from April 2024.

Business travel: 1545.8

#### **Employee commuting:**

Not quantified as yet — this may be something we aim to measure in the future.

#### Downstream transportation and distribution:

Not quantified as we do not transport or distribute physical products.

TOTAL EMISSIONS 3188.7



# **Current Emissions Reporting**

#### Reporting year: Year to March 2023

EMISSIONS	TOTAL (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)
Scope 1	232.3
Scope 2	863.3
Scope 3 (Included sources)	
Upstream transportation and distribution:	

Not quantified as yet — this may be something we aim to measure in the future.

#### Waste generated in operations:

This is unlikely to be material but we plan to start measuring from April 2024.

**Business travel:** 666.0

#### **Employee commuting:**

Not quantified as yet — this may be something we aim to measure in the future.

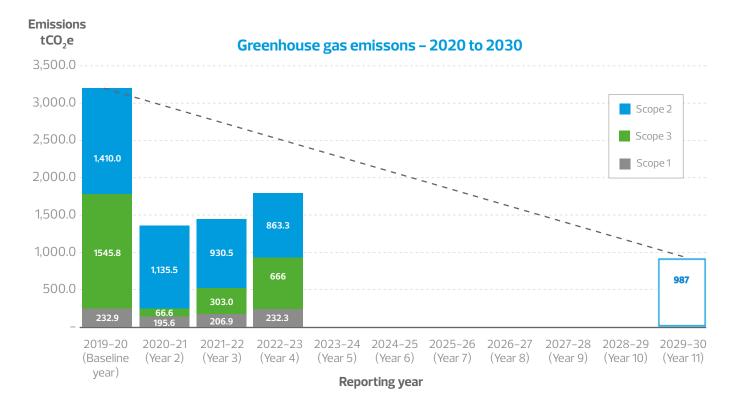
#### Downstream transportation and distribution:

Not quantified as we do not transport or distribute physical products.

**TOTAL EMISSIONS** 1761.6

# **Emissions Reduction Target**

We are committed to becoming Net Zero before 2030 and have set emission reduction targets accordingly. Progress against these targets can be seen in the graph below.



It should be noted that the coronavirus pandemic situation and associated national lockdowns which have taken place within the Year 2 reporting period, resulted in a significant reduction in the firm's energy consumption.



In order to continue our progress to achieving Net Zero, we have adopted the following carbon reduction targets. We project that measured carbon emissions will decrease over the next two years to  $1096 \text{ tCO}_2\text{e}$  by 2025. This is a reduction of 66% against our baseline. We further project that carbon emissions will be  $1120 \text{ tCO}_2\text{e}$  by 2028 with a further predicted decrease to  $987 \text{ tCO}_2\text{e}$  by 2030, a reduction of 69% against our baseline.

# **Carbon Reduction Projects**

#### Completed Carbon Reduction Initiatives

The carbon emission reduction achieved equates to 1,427.1 tCO $_2$ e, a 45% reduction against the 2020 baseline and the measures will be in effect when performing RSM contracts.

# During year 4 the following steps were taken to reduce our environmental impact:

- We ensured, where possible, our office re-fits achieved SKA Gold accreditation, with the aim of consistently achieving this accreditation for all of our office fit outs going forward.
- We continued to source 100 per cent renewable (green) energy where possible.
- We set energy and greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets consistent with our net zero carbon commitment.
- We continued to promote and utilise video/audio conferencing (Microsoft Teams), to reduce our business travel.
- We partnered with Dell on their Asset Resale and Recycling Services scheme to recycle and reuse our old IT equipment, including laptops and consumables.
- We developed an ESG training programme to increase employee awareness.

#### Going forward the strategy is to:

- Comply with all relevant regulatory requirements;
- Continually monitor environmental performance;
- Incorporate environmental factors into business decisions;
- Increase employee awareness and training;
- Eliminate all scope 1 & 2 emissions by eliminating the use of gas from our offices and ensuring all electricity is from renewable sources;
- Maintain control over business travel; and
- Use carbon offsetting where further reductions can not be made.



# **Declaration and Sign Off**

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been completed in accordance with PPN 06/21 and associated guidance and reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans.

Emissions have been reported and recorded in accordance with the published reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans and the GHG Reporting Protocol corporate standard and uses the appropriate Government emission conversion factors for greenhouse gas company reporting<sup>2</sup>.

Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions have been reported in accordance with SECR requirements, and the required subset of Scope 3 emissions have been reported in accordance with the published reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans and the Corporate Value Chain (Scope 3) Standard<sup>3</sup>.

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been reviewed and signed off by the board of directors (or equivalent management body).

### Signed of behalf of the supplier

Kevin O'Connor, Executive Chairman, RSM

Date: 28/11/23

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> ghgprotocol.org/corporate-standard

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> www.gov.uk/government/collections/government-conversion-factors-for-company-reporting

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> ghgprotocol.org/standards/scope-3-standard