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## Validation and Test Certification

Quality Austria Trainings-, Zertifizierungs- und Begutachtungs GmbH, Zelinkagasse 10, 1010 Wien, Österreich, has been commissioned by ADVA Optical Networking SE with its corporate headquarters at Campus Martinsried, Fraunhoferstrasse 9 a, 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 G4.0 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.

The examined data and information, which were validated, are marked "\*" in the ADVA GRI Content Index 2015.

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 CSR. 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 strengthening of a stronger supply chain and a more transparent reporting of key figures.

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

- Supply Chain Management
- Business Partners Engagement
- Corporate Ethics & Compliance

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 G4.0 core option. ADVA Optical Networking SE accepts full responsibility for the figures used in the report.

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