

Australian Government  
Climate Active Public Disclosure Statement



NAME OF CERTIFIED ENTITY: **Swisse Wellness Pty Ltd**

REPORTING PERIOD: **1 January 2019 – 31 December 2019**

Declaration

To the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this Public Disclosure Statement is true and correct and meets the requirements of the Climate Active Carbon Neutral Standard.

Signature <i>Chibnall</i>	Date 24 February 2021
Name of Signatory Sarah Chibnall	
Position of Signatory Group Director, Communications & Sustainability	



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## 1. Carbon neutral information

### Description of certification

This certification covers the operations of Swisse in Australia and more than 30 sites worldwide of its parent company Health & Happiness (H&H) Group. Included are the services and energy used and consumed by its offices, factories, warehouses, and laboratories. Embodied emissions in product ingredients are excluded.

### Organisation description

Swisse is one of Australia's largest suppliers of vitamins and health products. The organisation strives to provide consumers with scientifically proven natural supplements to help people live healthier and happier lives. Swisse is currently expanding its product range to include other personal and healthcare products using natural ingredients, where possible.

The company is owned by Health & Happiness Group (H&H). H&H was founded in 1999 and is listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. H&H is also the parent company of Biostime, Healthy Times, Good Goût, Noisy Beast and Dodie, among others.

Maintaining environmentally responsible business practices is considered a priority at Swisse and is in line with the organisation's overall philosophy of caring for people and the planet. H&H developed its Sustainability Strategy in 2018 which has three goals at its core, to: advance the story of good health, reduce our footprint on the planet and honour human rights and fairness. This program helps H&H to achieve its second goal in reducing the impact of the emissions footprint and the associated impacts on the environment.

Swisse has been certified carbon neutral under the predecessor to Climate Active, the National Carbon Offset Scheme (NCOS), since FY2011, making Swisse one of the longest certified carbon neutral companies in Australia. This reporting period marks the commencement of reporting by calendar year and of including the emissions from the wider H&H Group within the Swisse certification. The addition of these international emissions will result in a significant increase in reported emissions compared with previous years where only domestic emissions were recorded in the carbon account.

### Emissions reduction strategy

Swisse regards sustainability as a prominent pillar of its business operation and is continually exploring opportunities to reduce the environmental footprint of the organisation. Due to Swisse's organic growth and expansion into international markets, it is impractical to maintain GHG emissions at a constant level. However, Swisse strives to continually improve emissions intensity over time and has made considerable progress throughout 2019.

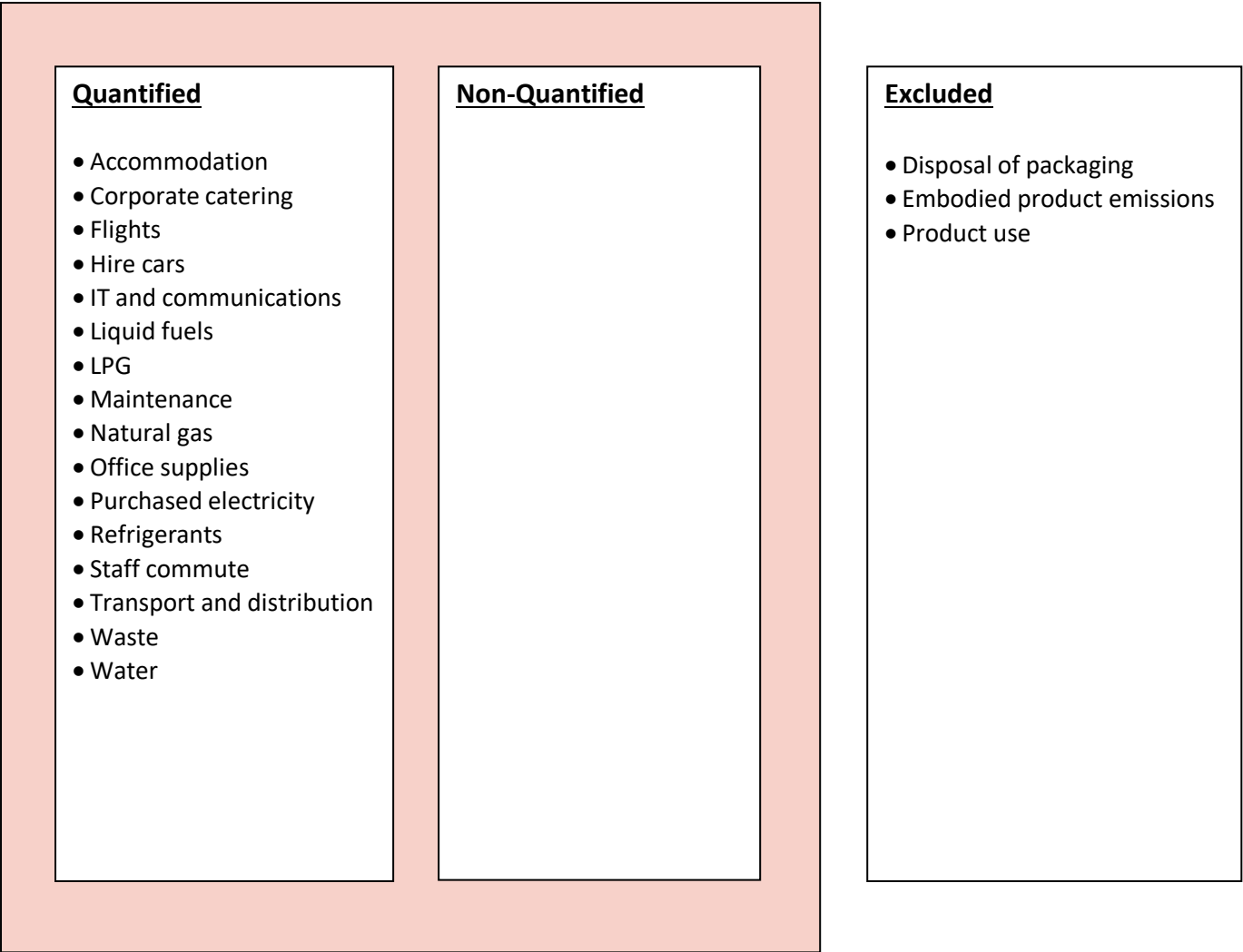
Most of our sites across the world are corporate offices; only five are operational sites. Expectedly, the operational sites account for over 90% of our environmental footprint across energy, waste, water and emissions, so they are the focus of our environmental efforts.

Emission reduction actions were implemented during the calendar year 2019 for the entire H&H Group, resulting in the following results:

- 87% of electricity was from renewable energy sources
- Emissions were reduced by 38% across the H&H Group compared to CY2018
- Electricity intensity was reduced by 13% (per FTE)
- 40% of waste produced in 2019 was recycled
- World Environment Day on the 5th of June was celebrated through activations at 11 sites where over 90 trees planted and 200kg of litter collected

Emission Boundary

Diagram of the certification boundary



### Non-quantified sources

All emissions identified for inclusion were quantified.

### Data management Plan

While no data sources were non-quantified and triggered the requirement for a data management plan, Swisse is always looking to improve the quality of the data used in its sustainability reporting and in its Climate Active certifications.

Swisse uses a survey to obtain the underlying data from each of the 34 sites included in this certification boundary. As this is the first reporting period in which the survey's results are being used in such a heavily analytical manner, improvements to the structure of the survey have been identified that can improve the quality of the data. These improvements will enhance the accuracy of the large and complex dataset, one that spans seven native languages and are earmarked to be implemented throughout 2020 and early 2021.

### Excluded sources (outside of certification boundary)

'Disposal of packaging', 'embodied product emissions', and 'product use' were excluded from the emissions boundary. These are excluded for not meeting the relevance criteria laid out in the Climate Active Carbon Neutral Standard. The results of the relevance test are listed in Appendix 1.

## 3. Emissions summary

Table 3. Emissions Summary	
Emission source category	tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> -e
Purchased electricity (all other sites excl. Aus & NZ)*	5,897.1
Flights	6,579.1
Landfilled waste	3,503.6
Staff vehicles	1,795.4
Purchased electricity, location based (Aus & NZ)	1460.0
Couriers/freight	1,025.8
Public transport	640.0
Accommodation	73.7
Catering	244.2
Cleaning	318.3
Industrial cooling	300.1
Diesel	195.4
Gasoline	165.0
Maintenance	74.6

Hazardous waste	0.4
Printing, stationery, paper	17.7
Communications	68.0
IT equipment	45.0
Municipal water	37.9
Natural gas	11.5
Vehicles, business use	21.4
LPG	3.6
Office supplies	5.3
Recycling, comingled	0.0
Human-powered transport	0.0
Recycling, organics	0.0
Recycling, paper and cardboard	0.0
RECs, GoO and I-RECs surrendered on behalf of H&H Group*	-5,897.1
<b>Total Net Emissions</b>	<b>16,586.1</b>

\*Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs), Guarantees of Origin (GoO) and [International Renewable Energy Certificates \(I-RECs\)](#) were surrendered on behalf of the H&H Group for international (excluding Australia and NZ) site electricity consumption. RECs (North America), GoO (Europe) and I-RECs (other regions) are types of electricity attribute certificates, similar to Australian large-scale generation certificates (LGCs). Electricity attribute certificates provide a mechanism for reliable claims of renewable energy usage by the end-user. RECs, GoO or I-RECs are purchased to match the electricity consumption from non-renewable sources by end-users, thereby allowing for a verified and reliable renewable electricity claim by the end-user. The purchase and surrender of RECs, GoO and I-RECs offset H&H Group's scope 2 emissions from grid-purchased electricity MWh for MWh, thereby reducing the carbon emissions from the organisation's international site operations (excluding Australia and NZ). More information can be found in the [RE100 Technical Criteria](#).

### Uplift factors

Table 4. Uplift factors	
Reason for uplift factor	tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> -e
A rounding difference between the calculated inventory and the Climate Active Inventory format resulted in a difference of 0.011% of emissions. This has been corrected through the use of an uplift factor of (0.011% or 1.9 tCO <sub>2</sub> -e) to balance the rounding.	1.9
<b>Total Footprint to offset (uplift factors + net emissions)</b>	<b>16,586</b>

### Carbon Neutral products

None within the certification boundary, however the H&H Group engages with its supply chain on environmental, social and governance issues. In 2019, 100% of new contract manufacturers and over 75%(by spend) of existing contract manufacturers signed our Supplier Code of Conduct.

### Electricity Summary

Electricity was calculated using a location-based approach.

The Climate Active team is consulting on the use of a market vs location-based approach for electricity

accounting with a view to finalising a policy decision for the carbon neutral certification by July 2020. Given a decision is still pending on the accounting way forward, a summary of emissions using both measures has been provided for full disclosure and to ensure year on year comparisons can be made.

**Table 5: Market-based approach Electricity summary**

Electricity Inventory items	kWh	Emissions tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> e)
Electricity Renewables	270,489	0.00
Electricity Carbon Neutral Power	0	0.00
Electricity Remaining	1,183,753	1,279.76
Renewable electricity percentage	19%	
Net emissions (Market based approach)		1,280

**Table 6 Location-based summary**

State/ Territory	Electricity Inventory items	kWh	Full Emission factor (Scope 2 +3)	Emissions (tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> e)
ACT/NSW	Electricity Renewables	-	-0.90	0.00
ACT/NSW	Electricity Carbon Neutral Power	-	-0.90	0.00
ACT/NSW	Netted off (exported on-site generation)	-	-0.81	0.00
ACT/NSW	Electricity Total	776,515	0.90	698.86
SA	Electricity Renewables	-	-0.53	0.00
SA	Electricity Carbon Neutral Power	-	-0.53	0.00
SA	Netted off (exported on-site generation)	-	-0.44	0.00
SA	Electricity Total	-	0.53	0.00
Vic	Electricity Renewables	-	-1.12	0.00
Vic	Electricity Carbon Neutral Power	-	-1.12	0.00
Vic	Netted off (exported on-site generation)	-	-1.02	0.00
Vic	Electricity Total	677,727	1.12	759.05
Qld	Electricity Renewables	-	-0.93	0.00
Qld	Electricity Carbon Neutral Power	-	-0.93	0.00
Qld	Netted off (exported on-site generation)	-	-0.81	0.00
Qld	Electricity Total	-	0.93	0.00
NT	Electricity Renewables	-	-0.71	0.00
NT	Electricity Carbon Neutral Power	-	-0.71	0.00
NT	Netted off (exported on-site generation)	-	-0.63	0.00
NT	Electricity Total	-	0.71	0.00
WA	Electricity Renewables	-	-0.74	0.00
WA	Electricity Carbon Neutral Power	-	-0.74	0.00
WA	Netted off (exported on-site generation)	-	-0.69	0.00
WA	Electricity Total	-	0.74	0.00

Tas	Electricity Renewables	-	-0.17	0.00
Tas	Electricity Carbon Neutral Power	-	-0.17	0.00
Tas	Netted off (exported on-site generation)	-0.15	0.00	0.00
Tas	Electricity Total	-	0.17	0.00
	Total net electricity emissions (Location based)		0.00	1,457.92



## 4. Carbon offsets

Offset purchasing strategy: in arrears

Table 4 **Offsets Summary**

<b>1. Total offsets required for this report</b>				16,586					
<b>2. Offsets retired in previous reports and used in this report</b>				2,223					
<b>3. Net offsets required for this report</b>				14,363					
<i>Project description</i>	<i>Eligible offset units type</i>	<i>Registry unit retired in</i>	<i>Date retired</i>	<i>Serial number (including hyperlink to registry transaction record)</i>	<i>Vintage</i>	<i>Quantity (tonnes CO2-e)</i>	<i>Quantity used for previous report</i>	<i>Quantity to be banked for future years</i>	<i>Quantity to be used this report</i>
Abkuk Wind Farm Project, Turkey	VERs	Gold Standard	20/12/2019	<a href="#">GS1-1-TR-GS436-12-2015-7440-9985-14984</a>	2015	5,000	2,777	0	2,223
Wind Power Project in Tirupur District, India	VCUs	APX	23/12/2019	<a href="#">7149-374428325-374429862-VCU-050-APX-IN-1-1163-01012018-07012019-0</a>	2018 & 2019	1,538	0	0	1,538
Bierbank & Lanherne Regeneration Project	ACCUs	Australian National Registry of Emission Units	23/12/2019	<a href="#">3,780,995,299 - 3,780,995,798</a>	2019	500	0	0	500
Bundled wind energy generation projects in Gujarat, India	VCUs	Verra	30/04/2020	<a href="#">5765-258592917-258606316-VCU-005-APX-IN-1-412-01012016-31122016-0</a>		13,400	0	1,075	12,325
<b>Total offsets retired this report and used in this report</b>									16,586
<b>Total offsets retired this report and banked for future reports</b>									1,075

## Co-benefits

### Akbuk Wind Farm Project, Turkey

The Akbuk Wind Farm Project involves the development of a 31.5 MW onshore wind farm in the region of Aydın Province, Didim District in Turkey. The purpose of this project is to generate renewable electrical energy utilising wind as the primary energy source and deliver this energy to the national grid of Turkey. This energy will help supply Turkey's ever-increasing electricity demand through a clean, sustainable, and reliable technology.

The project displaces the same amount of electricity that would otherwise have been generated by the fossil fired power plants dominating the national grid.

Being the first operational wind farm in Kayseri Province, the project will help renewable energy become more widespread in Turkey.



Figure 1: Certified SDG Impacts

This is a Gold Standard Certified Project, with Certified SDG Impacts: 6. Clean Water and Sanitation; 7. Affordable and clean energy; 8. Decent work and economic growth; 13. Climate Action.

### Bierbank and Lanherne Regeneration Project

This project establishes permanent native forests through assisted regeneration from in-situ seed sources (including rootstock and lignotubers) on land that was cleared of vegetation and where regrowth was suppressed, re-establishing native forest where grazing and mining have cleared the land. As well as the carbon sequestration and generation of Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCUs), this project increases biodiversity by providing new habitat for native species, with 6 endangered and 21 vulnerable species known to inhabit the region. The project is also creating jobs and economic activity in a remote area where opportunities can be limited.

## 5. Use of trademark

Table 5

Description where trademark used	Logo type
Website	Certified Organisation
H&H Group Sustainability Report (with clear reference to Swisse Wellness as the certified body)	Certified Organisation

## 5. Additional information

H&H Groups 2019 Sustainability report can be found [here](#).

## Appendix 1: Excluded emissions

To be deemed relevant an emission must meet two of the five relevance criteria. Excluded emissions are detailed below against each of the five criteria.

Excluded Emission	Relevance Test				
	<i>The emissions from a particular source are likely to be large relative to the organisation's electricity, stationary energy and fuel emissions</i>	<i>The emissions from a particular source contribute to the organisation's greenhouse gas risk exposure.</i>	<i>Key stakeholders deem the emissions from a particular source are relevant.</i>	<i>The responsible entity has the potential to influence the reduction of emissions from a particular source.</i>	<i>The emissions are from outsourced activities previously undertaken within the organisation's boundary, or from outsourced activities typically undertaken within the boundary for comparable organisations.</i>
Disposal of packaging	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Embodied product emissions	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
Product use	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗

# Individual Retirement Confirmations



1

Verra Registry: Notification of Verified Carbon Unit (VCU) Retirement

VA VERRA Administrator <Registry@verra.org>  
To: Alex Lewis

Thu 30/04/2020 1:41 PM

This email is to acknowledge that on Apr 30 2020 3:41AM, Tasman Environmental Markets Pty Ltd retired 13400 Verra Registry Verified Carbon Units (VCUs). The VCUs were issued in accordance to Verified Carbon Standard protocols, which prescribe a rigorous carbon offset project registration and verification process used to ensure the originating offset project contributes to real and additional emission reductions. The issuance and ownership of these VCUs has been tracked in VERRA Registries using unique serial numbers to prevent double counting or double selling. Now that these VCUs have been retired from the registry **permanently**, no one else can hold or retire the VCUs. Details about the VCUs are listed below.

**Quantity of retired VCUs:** 13400  
**VCU serial numbers:** 5765-258592517-258606316-VCU-005-APX-IN-1-412-01012016-31122016-0  
**Date of retirement:** Apr 30 2020 3:41AM  
**Beneficial Owner:** Health and Happiness (H&H) International Holdings Limited  
**VCU retirement reason details:** NCOS Programme; Voluntarily surrendered on behalf of Health and Happiness (H&H) International Holdings Limited for our global carbon neutral commitment under the Climate Active Program for the period 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019  
**Public URL:** <https://registry.verra.org/myModule/rpt/myrpt.asp?r=206&h=27122>

**Originating carbon offset project:** Bundled wind energy generation projects in Gujarat, India  
**Project type:** Energy industries (renewable/non-renewable sources)  
**Project country:** IN

Visit <https://verraregistry.org> for more information about The Verra Registry. You can view public reports listing retired VCUs and additional information about the offset project, including project documentation.

TEM Retirement Certificate Reference No.: SWISSE-0420



# Individual Retirement Confirmations



1

APX VCS Registry: Notification of Verified Carbon Unit (VCU) Retirement

VA VCS Administrator <vcs@apx.com>  
To: Alex Lewis

Tue 24/12/2019 9:18 AM

This email is to acknowledge that on Dec 23 2019 10:18PM, Tasman Environmental Markets Pty Ltd retired 1538 APX VCS Registry Verified Carbon Units (VCUs). The VCUs were issued in accordance to Verified Carbon Standard protocols, which prescribe a rigorous carbon offset project registration and verification process used to ensure the originating offset project contributes to real and additional emission reductions. The issuance and ownership of these VCUs has been tracked in VCS Registries using unique serial numbers to prevent double counting or double selling. Now that these VCUs have been retired from the registry **permanently**, no one else can hold or retire the VCUs. Details about the VCUs are listed below.

**Quantity of retired VCUs:** 1538  
**VCU serial numbers:** 7149-374428325-374429852-VCU-050-APX-IN-1-1163-01012018-07012019-0  
**Date of retirement:** Dec 23 2019 10:18PM  
**Beneficial Owner:** Health and Happiness (H&H) International Holdings Limited  
**VCU retirement reason details:** NCOS Programme; Retired on behalf of Health and Happiness (H&H) International Holdings Limited and its global subsidiary Swisse Wellness Pty Ltd to meet its voluntary carbon neutral claim against the Climate Active Carbon Neutral Standard for Organisations for the period: FY 2018/19 and the second half of CY  
**Public URL:** <https://vcsregistry2.apx.com/myModule/rpt/myrpt.asp?r=206&h=28742>

**Originating carbon offset project:** Wind Power Project in Tirupur District  
**Project type:** Energy industries (renewable/non-renewable sources)  
**Project country:** IN

Visit <http://vcsregistry.com> for more information about The APX VCS Registry. You can view public reports listing retired VCUs and additional information about the offset project, including project documentation.

TEM Retirement Certificate Reference No.: SWISSE-1119



# Individual Retirement Confirmations



2

**Australian National Registry of Emissions Units**

Transaction Details

Transaction details appear below

Transaction Successfully Approved

Transaction ID: AU13811

Current Status: Completed (X)

Status Date: 20120819 14:17:01 (AEDT)

20120819 13:17:01 (GMT)

Transaction Type: Cancellation (X)

Transaction Initiator: Grant, Andrew William Thorsrud

Transaction Approver: Grant, Andrew William Thorsrud

Comment: Retired on behalf of Health and Happiness (H&H) International Holdings Limited and its global subsidiary Swiss Wellness Pty Ltd to meet its voluntary carbon neutral claim against the Climate Active Carbon Neutral Standard for Organisations for the period

Transferring Account

Account Number: AU-2734

Account Name: Tasman Environmental Markets Pty Ltd

Account Holder: Tasman Environmental Markets Pty Ltd

Acquiring Account

Account Number: AU-1098

Account Name: Australia Voluntary Cancellation Account

Account Holder: Commonwealth of Australia

State	Unit	Transaction Type	Original CP	Current CP	ESB Project ID	NGER Facility ID	NGER Facility Name	Deligant	Kyoto Project #	Yearbook	Expiry Date	Serial Range	Quantity
AU	KACCU	Voluntary ACCU Cancellation			ESP000006					2018-19		5,790,945,299 - 5,790,945,708	500

TEM Retirement Certificate Reference No.: SWISSE-1119



# Individual Retirement Confirmations



3

**Gold Standard**

Account: Tasman Environmental Markets

**CREDIT BLOCK DETAILS**

Credits VER 9985 — 14984

PROJECT ISSUED TO: Alibek Wind Farm Project, Turkey (GS426)

SERIAL NUMBER: 031518 65455 02 2005 7440 9985 14984

STATUS: 44 Retired

Note: Retired on behalf of Health and Happiness (H&H) International Holdings Limited and its global subsidiary Swiss Wellness Pty Ltd to meet its voluntary carbon neutral claim against the Climate Active Carbon Neutral Standard for Organisations for the period: FY 2018/19 and the second half of FY 2019

PRODUCT: VER

MONITORING PERIOD: Nov 06, 2014 — May 18, 2016

VINTAGE: 2015

NUMBER OF CREDITS: 5000

ISSUANCE DATE: Mar 15, 2019

RETIREMENT DATE: Dec 20, 2019

TEM Retirement Certificate Reference No.: SWISSE-1119

