PUBLIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

BIANCA SPENDER

ORGANISATION CERTIFICATION
CY2020

Australian Government

Climate Active
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NAME OF CERTIFIED ENTITY: Bianca Spender Pty Ltd

REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 1 January 2020 – 31 December 2020

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

Date 21/06/2022

Name of Signatory: Bianca Spender

Position of Signatory: Director

Australian Government

Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources

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1. CARBON NEUTRAL INFORMATION

Description of certification

Bianca Spender Pty Ltd is being certified for the Australian business operations of Bianca Spender, ABN 11 630 050 145.

Organisation description

Bianca Spender is a leading Australian fashion brand with a vision to create luxurious pieces with a quiet refinement and sensual, poetic spirit. Now in its fourteenth year, the Bianca Spender brand philosophy centres around quality design, a commitment to sustainable manufacturing, respect for the Australian landscape and support for the local industry.

100% of Bianca Spender's creations are made in Australia; with design, development and production all performed locally in Sydney. This commitment extends to ensuring all workers are paid fair wages to support keeping the manufacturing industry onshore in Australia.

The core focus of the brand has always been on ethical practices and as a business, Bianca Spender is continually seeking change to ensure the planet and its people always come first. In line with our core values, we are deeply committed to acting against climate change and to reduce our impact on the environment.

"I'm a big believer that fashion should represent our future and have a distinct social conscience. As a business and as an individual, our core focus is to reduce the impact of climate change on our environment and to nurture our natural surroundings. We are so proud to have our commitment to change honoured, as a certified Climate Active Carbon Neutral organisation."

Our mission is to create luxury fashion with a conscience through holistic responsible business practices that deepen respect for our local industry, environment, and community. As an organisation we are continually educating ourselves and exploring innovative processes to further reduce our carbon emissions. Over the past fourteen years we have developed trusted relationships with our local suppliers, and we work closely with these partners to maintain our responsible business code.

2. EMISSION BOUNDARY

Diagram of the certification boundary

This is a small organisation certification, which uses the standard Climate Active small organisation emissions boundary.

Quantified

Accommodation and facilities

Air transport (km)

Cleaning and chemicals

Construction Materials and Services

Electricity

Food

ICT services and equipment

Land and sea transport (km)

Office equipment & supplies

Postage, courier and freight

Professional services

Stationary Energy

Waste

Working from home

Non-quantified

Water

Excluded

Refrigerants

Non-quantified sources

Emissions from water have not been quantified. Refer to Appendix 2 for further information

Data management plan

A data management plan is not required.

Excluded sources (outside of certification boundary)

Refrigerants have been excluded as the relevance test has not been met. Refer to Appendix 1 for further information.

"Bianca Spender has been founded on principles of holistic responsible business practices. Since the brands inception we have engaged and developed sustainability measures and been committed to supporting the local Australian manufacturing industry. We believe in nurturing the planet and its people and are pleased to be a certified carbon neutral organisation."

3. EMISSIONS SUMMARY

Emissions reduction strategy

Bianca Spender has begun purchasing GreenPower for its head office and boutiques and has committed to utilise deadstock or fabric made in Australia across more than 50% of their collections. The use of GreenPower is expected to decrease electricity based emissions by at least 15%, and utilisation of deadstock and Australian-made fabric helps reduce emissions at clothing manufacturing (noting that these benefits are not captured in Bianca Spenders' carbon inventory). Given the current impacts of COVID-19, and with the majority of Bianca Spender's stores being located inside department stores, emissions are expected to fall due to decreased store operations. Further emission reduction opportunities will be identified once normal store operations recommence and include exploring opportunities to utilise carbon neutral freight service providers, which currently represent the largest emission source. Bianca Spender will develop a formal emission reduction strategy in the next 2 years as operations normalise from COVID-19 impacts.

Emissions over time

Table 1

Emissions since base year		
	Base year: CY2019	Current year Year 1: CY2020
Total tCO2e	427.44	309.20

Emissions reduction actions

Emission source name	Current year (tCO_2-e and/ or activity data)	Previous year (tCO_2-e and/ or activity data)	% change from previous year activity data	contribution to inventory	Detailed reason for change
Total net electricity emissions (Market based)	32.387 tCO2-e	70.598 tCO2-e	-54%	11%	Related impacts from COVID 19 lockdowns and commencement of GreenPower procurement for head office and boutiques.
Road freight	190.916 tCO2-e	249.410 tCO2-e	-23%	65%	Related impacts from COVID 19 lockdowns
Advertising & Promotion	15.494 tCO2-e	17.9 tCO2-e	-13%	5%	Related impacts from COVID 19

	lockdowns

Emissions summary (inventory)

Table 2

Emission source category	tonnes CO_2-e
Accommodation and facilities	2.672
Air transport (km)	1.307
Cleaning and Chemicals	0.461
Construction Materials and Services	7.522
Electricity	32.387
Food	2.579
ICT services and equipment	9.850
Land and Sea Transport (km)	13.578
Office equipment & supplies	4.249
Postage, courier and freight	196.323
Professional services	15.494
Stationary Energy	0.369
Waste	7.493
Working from home	0.187
Total Net Emissions	294.474

Uplift factors

Table 3

Reason for uplift factor	tonnes CO_2-e
Compulsory 5% small organisation uplift	14.724
Total footprint to offset (uplift factors + net emissions)	309.198

Carbon neutral products

Not applicable.

Electricity summary

Electricity was calculated using a market-based approach.

Market-based approach summary

Market-based approach	Activity Data (kWh)	Emissions (kgCO2e)	Renewable %
Behind the meter consumption of electricity generated	0	0	0%
Total non-grid electricity	**0**	**0**	**0%**
LGC Purchased and retired (kWh) (including PPAs)	0	0	0%
GreenPower	12,235	0	23%
Jurisdictional renewables	0	0	0%
Residual Electricity	0	0	0%
Large Scale Renewable Energy Target (applied to grid electricity only)	10,117	0	19%
Total grid electricity	30,038	32,387	0%
Total Electricity Consumed (grid + non grid)	**52,390**	**32,387**	**43%**
Electricity renewables	**52,390**	**32,387**	**43%**
Residual Electricity	22,352	0	
Exported on-site generated electricity	30,038	32,387	
Emission Footprint (kgCO2e)	**0**	**0**	

Emission Footprint (TCO2e)	**32**
LRET renewables	**19.31%**
Voluntary Renewable Electricity	**23.35%**
Total renewables	**42.66%**

Location-based approach summary

Location-based approach	Activity Data (kWh)	Emissions (kgCO2e)
ACT	0	0
NSW	39,642	35,678
SA	1,591	828
Vic	8,037	8,761
Qld	3,119	2,901
NT	0	0
WA	0	0
Tas	0	0
Grid electricity (scope 2 and 3)	**52,390**	**48,167**
ACT	0	0
NSW	0	0
SA	0	0
Vic	0	0
Qld	0	0
NT	0	0
WA	0	0
Tas	0	0

Non-grid electricity (Behind the meter)	**0**	**0**
Total Electricity Consumed	**52,390**	**48,167**

Emission Footprint (TCO2e)	**48**

4. CARBON OFFSETS

Offsets strategy

Offset purchasing strategy: **In arrears**	
1. Total offsets previously forward purchased and banked for this report	0
2. Total emissions liability to offset for this report	310
3. Net offset balance for this reporting period	310
4. Total offsets to be forward purchased to offset the next reporting period	0
5. Total offsets required for this report	310

Co-benefits

Malawi Cookstove Project – Malawi, East Africa

The RIPPLE Africa cook stove project in Nkhata Bay District, Malawi. The project is run by RIPPLE Africa (a charity from the UK) and involves the installation of low cost, high efficiency wood fired cook stoves specially designed for local conditions. RIPPLE has so far replaced about 40,000 traditional three-stone cooking fires with fuel efficient cook stoves and the project therefore benefits approximately 200,000 people. The project has lots of benefits because traditional three-stone fires:

- Consume a huge amount of wood resulting in major deforestation. It also takes a lot of time to collect all this wood. This time can be spent on education and other activities.
- Produce lots of smoke and so cause health problems such and lung cancer and child pneumonia. This mostly affects women and children.
- Are unsafe for children.

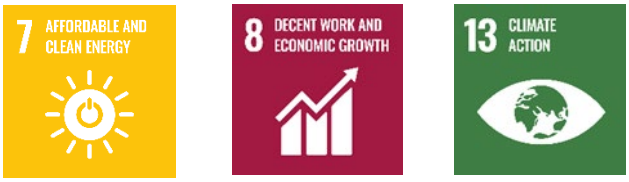
RIPPLE Africa has made this fuel-efficient cook stove a way of life and has significantly reduced Malawi's greenhouse gas emissions and can be seen in RIPPLE's video

RIPPLE Africa will use the funds from the sale of the credits to expand the project and support other RIPPLE Africa activities such as fish conservation, tree planting, forest conservation, education and health care services. RIPPLE Africa wants to expand the project so that 500,000 people will benefit from this fuel-efficient cook stove. All RIPPLE's activities address various Sustainable Development Goals. The cook stove project alone addresses the following SDGs:

Geycek Wind Farm Project – Kýrþehir, Turkey

Located near Kýrþehir in the southeast of Ankara, the Geyeck Wind Farm has a total installed capacity of around 115 MW. With an annual net electricity generation estimated at 346,000 MWh, the Wind Farm feeds into the Turkish Grid to provide clean energy to wholesalers, eligible consumers or the spot market to reduce greenhouse gas emissions for an estimated 204,257 tCO2 per year.

The project is contributing to local employment opportunities through the construction and operation phases and is setting a benchmark in a region characterised by moderate wind speeds which will contribute to the diversification of the Turkey's energy mix. The electricity generation project addresses the following SDGs:



The Guatemalan Conservation Coast REDD+ – Guatemala, Central America

The forests of the Guatemalan Caribbean coastline are home to extraordinary beauty and biodiversity. The coastline is a migratory corridor for birds as they make their biannual journey between North and South America. Hundreds of species of birds depend on these forests as part of the Mesoamerican 'flyway, 'and the area is home to almost 10% of the world's known bird species. The Guatemalan Conservation Coast Project uses climate finance through the sale of carbon credits to protect this incredible landscape and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, aligning world-class conservation with viable, sustainable economic activities. Implemented by local NGO FUNDAECO, hundreds of landowners, including local communities, have joined together to protect almost 54,000 hectares of threatened forest coastline.

The project is also critical to the local water supply, building up natural coastal defenses and supporting local agriculture. Its revenue supports agroforestry ecosystems and the growth of eco-tourism, as well as providing resources to monitor the area and support community development programmes, such as health and education for women and girls. Over 100 local and indigenous communities are impacted by the project, and they play a pivotal role in maintaining the integrity of the work through active participation in consultation, decision making and implementation of activities. The REDD+ project addresses the following SDGS:

Offsets summary

Proof of cancellation of offset units

Offsets cancelled for Climate Active Carbon Neutral Certification										
Project description	**Type of offset units**	**Registry**	**Date retired**	**Serial number (and hyperlink to registry transaction record)**	**Vintage**	**Eligible Quantity (TCO2-e)**	**Quantity used for previous reporting periods**	**Quantity banked for future reporting periods**	**Quantity used for this reporting period claim**	**Percentage of total (%)**
Improved Cook Stove Project 1, Nkhata Bay District, Malawi	CER	CDM	1 April 2022	MW-5-335599-2-2-0-9933 to MW-5-335753-2-2-0-9933	2014-15	155	0	0	155	50%
GEYCEK Wind Farm Project (GS608)	VER	Gold Standard	29 March 2022	GS1-1-TR-GS608-12-2018-21306-107748-107825	2018	78	0	0	78	25%
REDD+ Project for Caribbean Guatemala: The Conservation Coast	VCU	Verra	29 March 2022	6370-317294889-317294965-VCU-024-MER-GT-14-1622-01012014-31122014-1	2014	77	0	0	77	25%
									Total offsets retired this report and used in this report	310
									Total offsets retired this report and banked for future reports	0
Additional offsets cancelled for purposes other than Climate Active Carbon Neutral certification										

Project description	Type of offset units	Registry	Date retired	Serial number (and hyperlink to registry transaction record)	Vintage	Eligible Quantity (TCO2-e)	Purpose of cancellation	
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Type of offset units	Quantity (used for this reporting period claim)	Percentage of Total
Certified Emissions Reductions (CERs)	155	50%
Verified Emissions Reductions (VERs)	78	25%
Verified Carbon Units (VCUs)	77	25%

5. USE OF TRADE MARK

Table 8

Description where trademark used	Logo type
Website	Certified organisation
Advertising materials	Certified organisation

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

No additional information.

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.

Table 9

Relevance test					
Excluded emission sources	*The emissions from a particular source are likely to be large relative to the organisation's electricity, stationary energy and fuel emissions*	*The emissions from a particular source contribute to the organisation's greenhouse gas risk exposure.*	*Key stakeholders deem the emissions from a particular source are relevant.*	*The responsible entity has the potential to influence the reduction of emissions from a particular source.*	*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.*
Refrigerants	No	No	Yes	No	No

APPENDIX 2

Non-quantified emissions for organisations

Table 10

Non-quantification test				
Relevant-non-quantified emission sources	*Immaterial <1% for individual items and no more than 5% collectively*	*Quantification is not cost effective relative to the size of the emission but uplift applied.*	*Data unavailable but uplift applied. A data management plan must be put in place to provide data within 5 years.*	*Initial emissions non-quantified but repairs and replacements quantified*
Water	Yes	No	No	No

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