PUBLIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

ARINEX PTY LTD (TRADING AS ARINEX)

ORGANISATION
FY2023–24

Australian Government

Climate Active
Public Disclosure Statement

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NAME OF CERTIFIED ENTITY	Arinex Pty Ltd (trading as Arinex)
REPORTING PERIOD	1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024 Arrears report
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.* 
	Name of signatory: Nicole Walker Position of signatory: CEO and Director, Arinex Date: 18 December 2024

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Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

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1.CERTIFICATION SUMMARY

TOTAL EMISSIONS OFFSET	393 tCO_2-e
CARBON OFFSETS USED	12.72% ACCUs, 87.28% VCUs
RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY	18.92%
CARBON ACCOUNT	Prepared by: Pangolin Associates
TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT	Date: 20/11/2024 Organisation: Pangolin Associates Next technical assessment due: FY 2027 report

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2. CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

Description of certification

This organisation certification covers the Australian business operations of Arinex Pty Ltd (28 000 386 676) and trading as Arinex during the Financial Year 2023/2024. This does not include Fiji or New Zealand as these locations are immaterial due to no permanent physical presence. Services provided by Arinex are not included within this certification.

The technology department of Arinex is run as a separate business, eTechSuite. It does not have a separate ABN and is operated by Arinex. All relevant emissions will be captured in this certification.

The operational boundary has been defined based on an operational control test, in accordance with the principles of the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007.

The methods used for collating data, performing calculations and presenting the carbon account are in accordance with the following standards:

- Climate Active Standards
- The Greenhouse Gas Protocol: A Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard (Revised Edition)
- National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting (Measurement) Determination 2008

Organisation description

Arinex is one of Australia's longest-standing and reputable event management companies, with a track record of almost 50 years of astute financial and risk management, precision project management and exceptional client outcomes.

Arinex has offices situated across Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney.

Our event architects are specialists in their craft, working collaboratively to design solutions tailored to your individual needs, while our service is globally accredited and held to the highest international standards of quality assurance.

Arinex offers a total event management solution, with specialist services in all areas of event management, from accommodation and registration to the latest technology solutions.

3. EMISSIONS BOUNDARY

Inside the emissions boundary

All emission sources listed in the emissions boundary are part of the carbon neutral claim.

Quantified emissions have been assessed as relevant and are quantified in the carbon inventory. This may include emissions that are not identified as arising due to the operations of the certified entity, however are **optionally included**.

Non-quantified emissions have been assessed as relevant and are captured within the emissions boundary, but are not measured (quantified) in the carbon inventory. All material emissions are accounted for through an uplift factor. Further detail is available at Appendix C.

Outside the emissions boundary

Excluded emissions are those that have been assessed as not relevant to an organisation's operations and are outside of its emissions boundary or are outside of the scope of the certification. These emissions are not part of the carbon neutral claim. Further detail is available at Appendix D.

Inside emissions boundary

Quantified

Accommodation and facilities

Climate Active carbon neutral products and services

Electricity

Food

ICT services and equipment

Office equipment and supplies

Postage, courier and freight

Products

Professional services

Refrigerants

Stationary energy

Transport (air)

Transport (land and sea)

Waste

Water

Working from home

Non-quantified

N/A

Outside emission boundary

Excluded

Fiji & New Zealand operations

4. EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS

Emissions reduction strategy

Arinex respects our relationship with the environment and openly acknowledge the adverse effects events may have when not conscientiously managed. Sustainability is therefore at the fore of every decision Arinex makes to minimise our environmental footprint in all that we do.

Arinex has signed an international commitment to reduce material waste both company-wide and through the events we manage and we are committed to using sustainable design and where financially possible, carbon offsetting. We work with partners and suppliers who have strong sustainability policies and we encourage environmental discussions and awareness throughout our industry.

Arinex commits to have an **overall emissions reduction target by 40%** by 2030, compared to the base year 2020/21 (FY2021).

Scope 2 Emissions

After a significant reduction in business travel in FY2024 of -47%, electricity is once again the largest component of our emissions. 16% of our total emissions are scope 2 tenancy emissions under our operational control and we will work to migrate to green power where possible to achieve a 100% reduction by FY2028. We have started to switch each office location (Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne and Perth) to a green power provider one year at a time.

Scope 3 Emissions

The balance of electricity emissions are scope 3 from base building electricity and we will engage with building management to explore opportunities to source this as green power and or consider new sustainable office space.

In FY2024 other significant scope 3 emissions sources are attributed to travel, including business flights (26% of total) and software (13% of total).

With the aim of reducing emissions attributed to staff travel, Arinex will include a guideline to ensure employees located in the respective event state office will attend local events to reduce interstate travel where possible. Employees are also asked to select economy travel over business and first-class flights where possible. Arinex will encourage continued use of online meeting accessibility as an alternative to in-person meetings as well as virtual pre-planning meetings with committees and organisations.

Compared to FY2023, Arinex' food and beverage emissions increased by a further 164%, following the rise of 1,451% in FY2022 and as such management will review this element and aim for a 500% reduction by 2026.

Additionally, Arinex will continue to review preferred suppliers and choose carbon-neutral suppliers where possible.

Emissions reduction actions

From FY2023 to FY2024, Arinex' overall carbon emissions reduced by 11%. This is chiefly down to a sharp reduction in business travel. Management will review the company's travel policy in FY2025 to build in travel limits and detailed procedures, to ensure this figure continues to decrease. It is worth noting that there were further reductions in electricity emissions which is due to increased staff awareness.

In FY2024 Arinex expanded its network of sustainable partners contained in its internal sustainability database, following the delivery of the carbon neutral-certified ICOMOS 21st General Assembly & Scientific Symposium 2023 and other key events. This has helped strengthen our staff's knowledge and awareness.

During this reporting period, Arinex also started the switch to GreenPower at its NSW and QLD Offices.

5.EMISSIONS SUMMARY

Emissions over time

Emissions since base year			
		Total tCO_2-e (without uplift)	**Total tCO_2-e** (with uplift)
Base year/ Year 1:	2020–21	359.4	359.4
Year 2:	2022–22	272.9	272.9
Year 3:	2022–23	442.5	442.5
Year 4:	2023–24	392.63	392.63

Significant changes in emissions

Significant changes in emissions			
Emission source	**Previous year emissions** (t CO_2-e)	**Current year emissions** (t CO_2-e)	**Reason for change**
Electricity (market-based method, scope 2)	74.11 (location-based)	55.93 (market-based)	In the previous year, electricity was reported as 'Location-based' as there was no purchase of renewables. However, in FY2024, Arinex have purchased renewables.
Electricity (market-based method, scope 3)	67.92 (location-based)	84.18 (market-based)	In the previous year, electricity was reported as 'Location-based' as there was no purchase of renewables. However, in FY2024, Arinex have purchased renewables.
Technical services	33.92	44.27	There was increased expenditure in FY2024 on technical services.
Long economy class flights (>3,700km)	128.08	53.11	There was a reduction in international travel compared to the previous year.

Use of Climate Active carbon neutral products, services, buildings or precincts

Certified brand name	Product/Service/Building/Precinct used
Pangolin Associates	Consulting
Opal Australia Paper	Paper (paper carried the Climate Active logo at the time of purchase)
AGL	Electricity

Emissions summary

The electricity summary is available in Appendix B. Electricity emissions were calculated using a market-based approach.

Emission category	Scope 1 emissions (tCO_2-e)	Scope 2 emissions (tCO_2-e)	Scope 3 emissions (tCO_2-e)	Total emissions (t CO_2-e)
Accommodation and facilities	0.00	0.00	2.84	2.84
Climate Active carbon neutral products and services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Electricity	0.00	55.93	84.18	140.11
Food	0.00	0.00	4.28	4.28
ICT services and equipment	0.00	0.00	19.14	19.14
Office equipment and supplies	0.00	0.00	3.58	3.58
Postage, courier and freight	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.08
Products	0.00	0.00	2.84	2.84
Professional services	0.00	0.00	44.27	44.27
Refrigerants	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01
Stationary energy (gaseous fuels)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transport (air)	0.00	0.00	103.71	103.71
Transport (land and sea)	0.00	0.00	52.20	52.20
Waste	0.00	0.00	3.55	3.55
Water	0.00	0.00	1.17	1.17
Working from home	0.00	0.00	14.84	14.84
Grand Total	**0.01**	**55.93**	**336.69**	**392.63**

Uplift factors

N/A

Eligible offsets retirement summary

Offsets retired for Climate Active certification

Type of offset unit	Quantity used for this reporting period	Percentage of total units used
Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCUs)	50	12.72%
Verified Carbon Units (VCUs)	343	87.28%

Project name	Type of offset unit	Registry	Date retired	Serial number	Vintage	Total quantity retired	Quantity used in previous reporting periods	Quantity banked for future reporting periods	Quantity used for this reporting period	Percentage of total used this reporting period
Mapoon Carbon Project	ACCU	ANREU	23/12/2024	9,001,311,492 - 9,001,311,541	2023-24	50	0	0	50	12.72%
The Mai Ndombe REDD+ Project	VCU	Verra Registry	16/12/2024	5530-241490453-241490561-VCU-048-MER-CD-14-934-01012016-31122016-1	2016	109	0	0	109	27.74%
The Mai Ndombe REDD+ Project	VCU	Verra Registry	16/12/2024	5530-241491380-241491508-VCU-048-MER-CD-14-934-01012016-31122016-1	2016	129	0	0	129	32.82%
The Mai Ndombe REDD+ Project	VCU	Verra Registry	16/12/2024	5372-228219358-228219462-VCU-048-MER-CD-14-934-01012016-31122016-1	2016	105	0	0	105	26.72%

Co-benefits

Mapoon Carbon Project

The Mapoon Carbon Project involves the strategic and planned burning of savanna areas in Queensland to reduce the risk of large and intense late dry season wildfires as well as their extent and frequency. The Project employs the knowledge of local indigenous communities who have cared for country for millennia, creating job opportunities and additional revenue streams for traditional owners. The project's non-carbon benefits (co-benefits) can be mapped to the following Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): 13 Climate Action, 15 Life on Land and 17 Partnerships for the Goals (i.e. partnerships between non-indigenous Australians and Traditional Owners for savanna fire management).

Mai Ndombe REDD+ Project

The Mai Ndombe REDD+ Project protects 300,000 hectares of critical bonobo and forest elephant habitat within the world's second-largest intact rainforest and some of the most important wetlands on the planet, the Congo Basin. This project reduces the principal drivers of forest and biodiversity loss and is charting a new pathway for community prosperity through comprehensive investments into the surrounding local communities, which are among the least economically developed in the world. Such investments include building and renovating schools, providing healthcare services (such as access to immunizations), supporting food security and nutrition (such as through agricultural diversification), and providing capacity building activities that empower local communities.

7. RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATE (REC) SUMMARY

Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) summary

N/A

APPENDIX A: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Transaction ID	AU38399
Current Status	Completed (4)
Status Date	23/12/2024 10:09:57 (AEDT) 22/12/2024 23:09:57 (GMT)
Transaction Type	Cancellation (4)
Transaction Initiator	Listorti, Julian
Transaction Approver	Clear, Geoffrey
Comment	Retired on behalf of Arinex Pty Ltd for FY2024 Climate Active Carbon Neutral Certification

Transferring Account

Account Number	AU-3048
Account Name	VIRIDIOS CAPITAL PTY LTD
Account Holder	VIRIDIOS CAPITAL PTY LTD

Acquiring Account

Account Number	AU-1068
Account Name	Australia Voluntary Cancellation Account
Account Holder	Commonwealth of Australia

Transaction Blocks

Party	Type	Transaction Type	Original CP	Current CP	ERF Project ID	NGER Facility ID	NGER Facility Name	Safeguard	Kyoto Project #	Vintage	Expiry Date	Serial Range	Quantity
AU	KACCU	Voluntary ACCU Cancellation			EOP100766					2023-24		9,001,311,492 - 9,001,311,541	50

APPENDIX B: ELECTRICITY SUMMARY

There are two international best-practice methods for calculating electricity emissions – the location-based method and the market-based method. Reporting electricity emissions under both methods is called dual reporting.

Dual reporting of electricity emissions is useful, as it provides different perspectives of the emissions associated with a business's electricity usage.

Location-based method:

The location-based method provides a picture of a business's electricity emissions in the context of its location, and the emissions intensity of the electricity grid it relies on. It reflects the average emissions intensity of the electricity grid in the location (State) in which energy consumption occurs. The location-based method does not allow for any claims of renewable electricity from grid-imported electricity usage.

Market-based method:

The market-based method provides a picture of a business's electricity emissions in the context of its renewable energy investments. It reflects the emissions intensity of different electricity products, markets and investments. It uses a residual mix factor (RMF) to allow for unique claims on the zero emissions attribute of renewables without double-counting.

For this certification, electricity emissions have been set by using the **market-based approach**

Market-based approach summary

Market-based approach	Activity Data (kWh)	Emissions (kg CO_2-e)	Renewable percentage of total
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	382	0	0%
Climate Active precinct/building (voluntary renewables)	0	0	0%
Precinct/Building (LRET)	0	0	0%
Precinct/Building jurisdictional renewables (LGCS surrendered)	0	0	0%
Electricity products (voluntary renewables)	0	0	0%
Electricity products (LRET)	230	0	0%
Electricity products jurisdictional renewables (LGCs surrendered)	0	0	0%
Jurisdictional renewables (LGCs surrendered)	0	0	0%
Jurisdictional renewables (LRET) (applied to ACT grid electricity)	0	0	0%
Large Scale Renewable Energy Target (applied to grid electricity only)	35,549	0	19%
Residual Electricity	154,966	141,019	0%
Total renewable electricity (grid + non grid)	**36,161**	**0**	**19%**
Total grid electricity	**191,128**	**141,019**	**19%**
Total electricity (grid + non grid)	**191,128**	**141,019**	**19%**
Percentage of residual electricity consumption under operational control	45%		
Residual electricity consumption under operational control	**69,493**	**63,238**	
Scope 2	61,856	56,289	
Scope 3 (includes T&D emissions from consumption under operational control)	7,637	6,949	
Residual electricity consumption not under operational control	**85,473**	**77,781**	
Scope 3	85,473	77,781	

Total renewables (grid and non-grid)	**18.92%**
Mandatory	**18.72%**
Voluntary	**0.20%**
Behind the meter	**0.00%**
Residual scope 2 emissions (t CO_2-e)	**56.29**
Residual scope 3 emissions (t CO_2-e)	**84.73**
Scope 2 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO_2-e)	**55.93**
Scope 3 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO_2-e)	**84.18**
Total emissions liability (t CO_2-e)	**140.11**

Figures may not sum due to rounding. Renewable percentage can be above 100%

Location-based approach summary

Location-based approach	Activity Data (kWh) total	Under operational control			Not under operational control	
Percentage of grid electricity consumption under operational control	**45%**	**(kWh)**	**Scope 2 Emissions ($kgCO_2$-e)**	**Scope 3 Emissions ($kgCO_2$-e)**	**(kWh)**	**Scope 3 Emissions ($kgCO_2$-e)**
NSW	92,186	41,285	28,074	2,064	50,900	37,157
VIC	46,671	20,902	16,512	1,463	25,770	22,162
QLD	40,516	18,145	13,246	2,722	22,371	19,686
WA	11,754	5,264	2,790	211	6,490	3,699
Grid electricity (scope 2 and 3)	**191,128**	**85,597**	**60,623**	**6,460**	**105,531**	**82,705**
NSW	0	0	0	0		
VIC	0	0	0	0		
QLD	0	0	0	0		
WA	0	0	0	0		
Non-grid electricity (behind the meter)	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**		
Total electricity (grid + non grid)	**191,128**					

Residual scope 2 emissions (t CO_2-e)	**60.62**
Residual scope 3 emissions (t CO_2-e)	**89.16**
Scope 2 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO_2-e)	**60.33**
Scope 3 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO_2-e)	**88.76**
Total emissions liability	**149.09**

Operations in Climate Active buildings and precincts

Operations in Climate Active buildings and precincts	Electricity consumed in Climate Active certified building/precinct (kWh)	Emissions (kg CO_2-e)
N/A	**0**	**0**

Climate Active carbon neutral electricity is not renewable electricity. These electricity emissions have been offset by another Climate Active member through their building or precinct certification. This electricity consumption is also included in the market based and location-based summary tables. Any electricity that has been sourced as renewable electricity by the building/precinct under the market-based method is outlined as such in the market-based summary table.

Climate Active carbon neutral electricity products

Climate Active carbon neutral electricity product used	Electricity claimed from Climate Active electricity products (kWh)	Emissions (kg CO_2-e)
AGL opt-in electricity product	**1,227**	**0**

Climate Active carbon neutral electricity is not renewable electricity. These electricity emissions have been offset by another Climate Active member through their electricity product certification. This electricity consumption is also included in the market based and location-based summary tables. Any electricity that has been sourced as renewable electricity by the electricity product under the market-based method is outlined as such in the market-based summary table.

APPENDIX C: INSIDE EMISSIONS BOUNDARY

Non-quantified emission sources

The following emissions sources have been assessed as relevant, are captured within the emissions boundary, but are not measured (quantified) in the carbon inventory. They have been non-quantified due to one of the following reasons:

1. **Immaterial** <1% for individual items and no more than 5% collectively
2. **Cost effective** Quantification is not cost effective relative to the size of the emission but uplift applied.
3. **Data unavailable** Data is unavailable but uplift applied. A data management plan must be put in place to provide data within 5 years.
4. **Maintenance** Initial emissions non-quantified but repairs and replacements quantified.

Data management plan for non-quantified sources

There are no non-quantified sources in the emission boundary that require a data management plan.

APPENDIX D: OUTSIDE EMISSIONS BOUNDARY

Excluded emission sources

The below emission sources have been assessed as not relevant to this organisation's operations and are outside of its emissions boundary. These emissions are not part of the carbon neutral claim. Emission sources considered for relevance must be included within the certification boundary if they meet two of the five relevance criteria. Those which only meet one condition of the relevance test can be excluded from the certification boundary.

Emissions tested for relevance are detailed below against each of the following criteria:

1. **Size** The emissions from a particular source are likely to be large relative to the organisation's electricity, stationary energy and fuel emissions.

2. **Influence** The responsible entity has the potential to influence the reduction of emissions from a particular source.

3. **Risk** The emissions from a particular source contribute to the organisation's greenhouse gas risk exposure.

4. **Stakeholders** Key stakeholders deem the emissions from a particular source are relevant.

5. **Outsourcing** 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.

Excluded emissions sources summary

Emission sources tested for relevance	Size	Influence	Risk	Stakeholders	Outsourcing	Justification
Fiji	N	N	N	N	N	**Size:** The emissions source is less than 5% of total emissions since Arinex has no physical presence in Fiji. **Influence:** There is no subject for physical presence. **Risk:** There are no relevant laws or regulations that apply to limit emissions specifically from this source, the source does not create supply chain risks, and it is unlikely to be of significant public interest. **Stakeholders:** Key stakeholders, including the public, are unlikely to currently consider this a relevant source of emissions for our business. **Outsourcing:** We have not previously undertaken this activity within our emissions boundary and comparable organisations do not typically undertake this activity within their boundary.
New Zealand	N	N	N	N	N	**Size:** The emissions source is less than 5% of total emissions since Arinex had no physical presence in New Zealand in FY2024. **Influence:** There is no subject for physical presence. **Risk:** There are no relevant laws or regulations that apply to limit emissions specifically from this source, the source does not create supply chain risks, and it is unlikely to be of significant public interest. **Stakeholders:** Key stakeholders, including the public, are unlikely to currently consider this a relevant source of emissions for our business. **Outsourcing:** We have not previously undertaken this activity within our emissions boundary and comparable organisations do not typically undertake this activity within their boundary.

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