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PwC's climate targets validated by SBTi

SBTi Validation Affirms PwC's approach and timeline to achieve net zero 2030 commitment

Commitment includes a 50% absolute reduction in business travel emissions

Bridgetown, Barbados -- 8 September 2021 — Today, PwC announced it received validation for its science-based targets and reaffirmed its commitment to achieve net zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030.

The Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) validated PwC's targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 50% in absolute terms from 2019 levels by 2030 in line with a 1.5 degree scenario. Importantly, PwC's targets go beyond scope 1 & 2 emissions to include PwC's largest indirect scope 3 emissions.

With this approach, which aligns to SBTi's highest ambition level, PwC commits to decarbonising the way it operates and decoupling its business growth from emissions.

Bob Moritz, Global Chairman of PwC, says:

"Climate change is one of the most urgent problems facing our planet today." He continued, "That is why we have committed to be net zero by 2030, and I am pleased the SBTi has validated our emissions reduction targets. Like our clients, we need to build trust with our stakeholders and deliver sustained outcomes - and tackling our climate impact is crucial to both."

Gerry Mahon, Regional Net Zero Lead, PwC member firms operating in the Caribbean says:

"Our Net Zero commitment is high on our agenda. The world is going through immense climate change and the impact on the Caribbean is significant. At this point, some of the damage is irreversible so we must act now to mitigate as best as we can the impact on our environment and communities for future generations."

He continues, "While corporate responsibility has long been our focus, in recent years this has increased, leading us to this latest initiative which builds on our existing global environmental commitment. The business community has a responsibility to act in solving this important problem and we are determined to play our part in both our own operations and supply chain as well as advising and supporting our clients, working towards a sustainable tomorrow."



Colm Kelly, Global Leader for Purpose, Policy and Corporate Responsibility for the PwC Network adds:

"As we support our clients and suppliers in transforming their businesses to achieve net zero, we recognise the importance of actively reducing the climate impact of our own operational footprint – including scope 3 emissions. As such, PwC has committed to meet SBTi's highest level of ambition and our scope 3 emissions reduction target aligns to the 1.5 degree scenario."

PwC has committed to transforming its business model to decarbonise its value chain, increasing transparency, and supporting the development of robust ESG reporting frameworks and standards. The PwC network will also engage its clients and suppliers to support them to tackle their climate impact.

Globally, PwC's commitment involves four key areas:

- Operations: PwC will reduce its emissions in line with a 1.5 degree climate scenario, including a 50% reduction in scope 1 and 2 emissions and a 50% absolute reduction in business travel emissions from a 2019 base by 2030. In addition, PwC will accelerate its transition to 100% renewable electricity and to mitigate its impacts today, PwC will continue to offset its emissions through high-quality carbon credits.
- **Clients**: PwC will work with its clients to support their efforts to make a net zero future a reality for all. Building on existing client work in sustainability and net zero transformation.
- **Suppliers**: PwC will engage with key suppliers, encouraging and supporting them to achieve net zero. We commit that 50% of our global purchased goods and services suppliers by emissions will have set their own science-based targets to reduce their climate impact by 2025.
- **Climate agenda**: PwC will continue its long-standing programme of research and collaboration with business, policy makers, and NGOs to accelerate a net zero economy.

Using 2019 levels as a base year, PwC will regularly and transparently report on the progress of its operations' targets, enhancing its GHG emissions reporting beginning in 2023, utilising expanded reporting based on the World Economic Forum/International Business Council (IBC) metrics, as well as the recommendations of the World Business Council on Sustainable Development.

Learn more about PwC's net zero commitment here.

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About SBTi: The <u>Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi)</u> is a partnership between CDP, the United Nations Global Compact, World Resources Institute (WRI) and the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). The SBTi defines and promotes best practice in emissions reductions and net-zero targets in line with climate science. It provides technical assistance and expert resources to companies who set science-based targets and brings together a team of experts to provide companies with independent assessment and validation of targets.