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## **Independent Assurance Report, to the Shareholders of Al Meera Consumer Goods Company Q.P.S.C., on the Board of Directors’ Report on the Design, Implementation and Operating Effectiveness of Internal Control over Financial Reporting.**

In accordance with Article 24 of the Governance Code for Companies & Legal Entities Listed on the Main Market Issued by the Qatar Financial Markets Authority (“QFMA”) Board pursuant to Decision No. (5) of 2016, we have carried out a reasonable assurance engagement over The Board of Directors’ Report on the evaluation of Design, Implementation and Operating Effectiveness of Internal Control over Financial Reporting (the ‘Directors’ ICFR Report’) as of 31 December 2021.

### **Responsibilities of the directors and those charged with governance**

The Board of Directors of Al Meera Consumer Goods Company Q.P.S.C. (the “Company”) and its subsidiaries (together the “Group”) is responsible for design, implementing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting. This responsibility includes the following: designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates and judgements that are reasonable in the circumstances.

The Group has assessed the design, implementation and operating effectiveness of its internal control system as at 31 December 2021, based on the criteria established in the Internal Control — Integrated Framework 2013 issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (the “COSO Framework”).

The Group’s assessment of its internal control system is presented by the Board of Directors in the form of the Directors’ ICFR Report, which includes:

- A description of the scope covering material business processes and entities in the assessment of Internal Control over Financial Reporting;
- Identification of the risks that threaten the achievement of the control objectives;
- An assessment of the design, implementation and operating effectiveness of Internal Control over Financial Reporting; and
- A statement on of the severity of design, implementation and operating effectiveness of control deficiencies, if any noted, and not remediated at December 31, 2021.



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### **Our Responsibilities**

Our responsibility is to express a reasonable assurance opinion on the fairness of the presentation of the "Directors' ICFR Report" presented in Sections (2) of the Annual Corporate Governance Report, based on the criteria established in the COSO Framework, including its conclusion on the effectiveness of design, implementation and operating effectiveness of Internal Control over Financial Reporting as at 31 December 2021.

We conducted our engagement in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 (Revised) 'Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information' issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board ('IAASB'). This standard requires that we plan and perform our procedures to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Directors' ICFR Report is fairly presented. The COSO Framework comprises the criteria by which the Group's Internal Control over Financial Reporting is to be evaluated for purposes of our reasonable assurance opinion.

An assurance engagement to issue a reasonable assurance opinion on the Directors' ICFR Report involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the fairness of the presentation of the Report.

Our procedures on the Directors' ICFR Report included:

- Obtaining an understanding of the Group's components of internal control as defined by the COSO Framework and comparing this to the assessment performed by the management;
- Obtaining an understanding of the Group's scoping of significant processes and material entities, and comparing this to the assessment performed by the management;
- Performing a risk assessment for all material Account Balances, Classes of Transactions and Disclosures within the Group for significant processes and material entities and comparing this to the assessment performed by the management;
- Obtaining Management's testing of the design, implementation and operating effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, and evaluating the sufficiency of the test procedures performed by management and the accuracy of management's conclusions reached for each internal control tested;
- Independently testing the design, implementation and operating effectiveness of internal controls that address significant risks of material misstatement and reperforming a proportion of management's testing for normal risks of material misstatement.
- Assessing of the severity of deficiencies in internal control which are not remediated at December 31, 2021 and comparing this to the assessment performed by the management, as applicable.

As part of this engagement, we have obtained sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the design, implementation and operating effectiveness of internal controls of material entities or business activities within the Group to express a conclusion on the Group's ICFR. We remain solely responsible for our evaluation and conclusion.

A process is considered significant if a misstatement due to fraud or error in the stream of transactions or financial statement amount would reasonably be expected to affect the decisions of the users of financial statements. For the purpose of this engagement, the processes that were determined as significant are: Entity Level Controls, Revenue, Financial Reporting, Goodwill, Purchase and Procurement, General and Administrative Expenses, Payroll, Inventory Management, Fixed and Intangible Assets, Investments, Cash, Loan and Shop Rental Income.



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**Our Responsibilities (Continued)**

The procedures to test the design, implementation and operating effectiveness of internal control depend on our judgement including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement identified and involve a combination of inquiry, observation, reperformance and inspection of evidence.

We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our conclusion on the fairness of the presentation of the Directors' ICFR Report.

***Meaning of Internal Control over Financial Reporting***

An entity's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. An entity's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that:

- 1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the entity;
- 2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with the generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the entity are being made only in accordance with authorizations of the management of the entity; and
- 3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the entity's assets that could have a material effect on the consolidated financial statements, which would reasonably be expected to impact the decisions of the users of consolidated financial statements.

***Inherent limitations***

Because of the inherent limitations of Internal Control over Financial Reporting, including the possibility of collusion or improper management override of controls, material misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Therefore, Internal Control over Financial Reporting may not prevent or detect all errors or omissions in processing or reporting transactions and consequently cannot provide absolute assurance that the control objectives will be met.

In addition, projections of any evaluation of the Internal Control over Financial Reporting to future periods are subject to the risk that the internal control over financial reporting may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

**Our Independence and Quality Control**

In carrying out our work, we have complied with the independence and other ethical requirements of the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants, which is founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour and the ethical requirements that are relevant in Qatar. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code.

The firm applies International Standard on Quality Control 1 and accordingly maintains a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.



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**Opinion**

In our opinion the Directors' ICFR Report in Section (2) of the Annual Corporate Governance Report, is fairly stated, in all material respects, based on the criteria established in the COSO Framework, including its conclusion on the effectiveness of design, implementation and operating effectiveness of Internal Control over Financial Reporting as of 31 December 2021;

**Doha – Qatar  
13 March 2022**

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