



PUBLIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

SECRETS SHHH

ORGANISATION CERTIFICATION

FY2021-22


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NAME OF CERTIFIED ENTITY	Secrets Shhh
REPORTING PERIOD	1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022 Arrears
DECLARATION	<p><i>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.</i></p> 
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1. CERTIFICATION SUMMARY

TOTAL EMISSIONS OFFSET	1,616 tCO ₂ -e
OFFSETS BOUGHT	100% VCUs
RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY	18.59%
TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT	30/9/2022 Mylene Turban Pangolin Associates Next technical assessment due: FY2025
THIRD PARTY VALIDATION	Type 1 22/11/2022 Wali Aziz Walker Wayland

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2. CARBON NEUTRAL INFORMATION

Description of certification

This inventory has been prepared for the financial year from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 and covers the Australian business operations of Secrets Shhh, ABN: 36617804332. It also includes the emissions associated with the production of the jewellery sold by Secrets Shhh.

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. This includes the following locations and facilities:

Our ambition is to offer the most beautiful jewellery; while reducing any harm to the Earth.

Climate Active is integral to making this statement to the world.

Building Name	Street Address	Suburb	Postcode	State
Main Office	30 Florence St	Teneriffe	4005	QLD
Castle Towers Shopping Centre	6-14 Castle Street	Castle Hill	2154	NSW
Charlestown Square Shopping Centre	30 Pearson Street	Charlestown	2290	NSW
Stockland Green Hills	1 Molly Morgan Drive	East Maitland	2323	NSW
Macquarie Centre	Cnr Herring Rd & Waterloo Rd North Ryde	Macquarie	2113	NSW
The Strand Arcade	412-414 George St	Sydney	2000	NSW
Westfield Central Plaza	Pitt St Mall	Sydney	2000	NSW
Noosa Shop	32 Hastings Street	Noosa Heads	4567	QLD
Caneland Central	Cnr Victoria Street & Mangrove Road	Mackay	4740	QLD
Sunshine Plaza Shopping Centre	154-164 Horton Parade	Maroochydore	4558	QLD
Westfield Shopping Centre, North Lakes	Cnr Anzac Ave & North Lakes Drive	Mango Hill	4509	QLD
Pacific Fair Shopping Centre	1571 Hooker Blvd	Broadbeach	4218	QLD
Robina Town Centre	Robina Town Centre Dr	Robina	4230	QLD
Westfield Carindale	1151 Creek Road	Carindale	4152	QLD
Westfield Knox Shopping Centre	425 Burwood Hwy	Wantirna South	3152	VIC
Chadstone Shopping Centre	1341 Dandenong Rd	Chadstone	3148	VIC
Highpoint Shopping Centre	120-200 Rosamond Road	Maribyrnong	3032	VIC
Myer Centre	14-38 Rundle Mall	Adelaide	5000	SA

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

Where possible, the calculation methodologies and emission factors used in this inventory are derived from the National Greenhouse Accounts (NGA) Factors in accordance with "Method 1" from the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting (Measurement) Determination 2008.

The greenhouse gases considered within the inventory are those that are commonly reported under the Kyoto Protocol; carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄), nitrous oxide (N₂O) and synthetic gases - hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs) sulphur hexafluoride (SF₆) and nitrogen trifluoride (NF₃). These have been expressed as carbon dioxide equivalents (CO₂-e) using relative global warming potentials (GWPs).

Organisation description

The company being certified is Secrets Shhh (ABN: 36617804332.) and its Australian operations. Secrets Shhh design and sell engagement and wedding rings and other women jewellery.

Secrets Shhh are known for high-quality jewellery designed exclusively using conflict-free, responsibly sourced lab-grown diamond simulants and gemstone colour simulants.

Our brand was born in the Noosa region of Queensland, Australia over 20 years ago. This part of the world is surrounded by pristine national parks, protected wildlife habitats, and world class waterways, spanning 87,000 hectares as the UNESCO Noosa Biosphere Reserve. It is here that we drew inspiration to turn away from the mined diamond industry, choosing instead beautiful, synthesised diamond and gemstone alternatives that could help to preserve our environment.

Since that time, our statement to the world continues to gain momentum as luxury jewellery customers seek an alternative to mined gemstones and their impact on the planet.

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 or precinct'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

Climate Active Carbon
Neutral Products and
Services

Electricity

Base Building Electricity

Telecommunications

Water

IT Equipment

Packaging

Merchandising

Office Furniture

Jewellery

Employee Commute and
Working From Home

Business Flights

Cleaning Services

Food & Catering

Printing

Accommodation

Advertising

Taxi and Rideshare

Retail Repair and Service

Security

Training and Recruitment

Entertainment

Parking

Conference

Legal Services

Software

Freight and Courier

Landfill

Recycling

Non-quantified

Refrigerants

Share of the utilities other
than electricity in the
shopping centres

Outside emission boundary

Excluded

Use and disposal of the
jewellery and its
packaging by the
customers

Data management plan for non-quantified sources

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

Refrigerants and the share of utilities which haven't been quantified are immaterial (less than 1% of total emissions).

4. EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS

Emissions reduction strategy

Secrets Shhh commit to reducing its total GHG emissions by 26.3% by 2030 off its FY22 baseline.

This will be achieved by the following actions:

Scope 2:

- Commit to 100% GreenPower in our offices and shops (under our control) by the end of FY2023
- Continuing to upgrade to energy efficiency lighting across our National Support Office and store network
- Monitor the efficiency of appliances and improving the efficiency where possible – e.g., servicing of HVAC units.

Scope 3:

- Work with our suppliers to source bottom-up data to build supplier specific emission factors. It is expected that this will reduce our emissions by 10-15% due to the greater accuracy in emission calculation. Our focus is to have emission data from our top 3 material suppliers (by spend) by start of FY2024
- Review our supply chain and where possible purchase carbon neutral products and services to reduce our Scope 3 emissions (and where possible having these Climate Active certified).
- Undertake Lifecycle Assessment of our jewellery products to source actual emission intensity data.
- Reduce single use plastic bags within the Secrets Shhh supply chain
- Move to all customer facing packaging being sourced from recyclable / sustainable materials

5. EMISSIONS SUMMARY

Use of Climate Active carbon neutral products and services

Secrets Shhh purchased 4 carbon neutral Qantas flight tickets during FY2022.

Organisation emissions summary

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

Emission category	Sum of Scope 1 (tCO ₂ -e)	Sum of Scope 2 (tCO ₂ -e)	Sum of Scope 3 (tCO ₂ -e)	Sum of total emissions (tCO ₂ -e)
Accommodation and facilities	0.00	0.00	5.41	5.41
Cleaning and Chemicals	0.00	0.00	1.63	1.63
Climate Active Carbon Neutral Products and Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Construction Materials and Services	0.00	0.00	11.90	11.90
Electricity	0.00	207.37	0.00	207.37
Food	0.00	0.00	2.43	2.43
ICT services and equipment	0.00	0.00	31.39	31.39
Machinery and vehicles	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Office equipment & supplies	0.00	0.00	15.05	15.05
Postage, courier and freight	0.00	0.00	137.66	137.66
Products	0.00	0.00	930.24	930.24
Professional Services	0.00	0.00	141.14	141.14
Transport (Air)	0.00	0.00	29.47	29.47
Transport (Land and Sea)	0.00	0.00	29.97	29.97
Waste	0.00	0.00	69.64	69.64
Water	0.00	0.00	2.23	2.23
Working from home	0.00	0.00	0.16	0.16
Total	0.00	207.37	1408.33	1615.70

Uplift factors

N/A

6. CARBON OFFSETS

Offsets retirement approach

In arrears

1. Total emissions footprint to offset for this report	1,616
2. Total eligible offsets purchased and retired for this report	1,616
3. Total eligible offsets banked to use toward next year's report	0

Co-benefits

Secrets Shhh purchased 1,616 Greenflet stapled offsets. Those offsets invest in the following project:

Parbati Hydroelectric Project Stage III (India)

NHPC Limited's Parbati Hydroelectric Project, Stage III is Greenfield Hydro Power Project located on river Sainj and Jiwa nallah a tributary of Beas River near village Bihali, Kullu district of Himachal Pradesh state of India. It is a run-of-the-river scheme whose design discharge includes the diversion of the tail race releases of Parbati Stage-II Powerhouse as well as inflows from river Sainj and Jiwa nallah. The purpose of the project activity is to generate electrical power using hydel energy, through the operation of run of the river hydro turbines. The hydel energy generated from the hydel power plant is evacuated to the State Grid System which is part of NEWNE Grid. Generating power through hydel plant is a clean technology as no Carbon intensive fossil fuel is burnt during the process. A hydel turbine produces power by harnessing the available potential energy. Thus, there are no GHG emissions associated with the functioning of the hydro turbines. This in result replaces anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases (GHG's) estimated to be approximately 1,912,324 tCO₂e per year, thereon displacing 1,975,950 MWh/year amount of electricity from the grid.

- Socio-economic well-being benefits: Project activity has generated direct and indirect employment for skilled and unskilled manpower during construction phase as well as during operational stage and thus helped in controlling migration from the region and alleviation of poverty. The project activity's contribution of power supply towards the NEWNE grid is helping in the upliftment of the social life of the people by ensuring a sustainable and reliable source of power for the region. The Project activity has improved the infrastructural facilities like water availability, road, and medical facilities etc. in the region.

- Environmental well-being benefits: The project activity generates clean and green power thus causing negligible emissions of greenhouse gases. By building and operating the Hydro power project, much pollution is avoided. In the absence of the project activity, equivalent power would have been generated based on the fossil fuels resulting in more Green House Gas emissions into the atmosphere. The project activity has reduced the dependence on fossil fuels for power generation thus conserving the natural reserves. The project has led to greenhouse gas emission reduction and hence contributed in mitigating climate change.

Eligible offsets retirement summary

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	Stapled quantity	Eligible quantity (tCO ₂ -e)	Eligible quantity used for previous reporting periods	Eligible quantity banked for future reporting periods	Eligible quantity used for this reporting period	Percentage of total (%)
Parbati Hydroelectric Project Stage III	VCUs	Verra	8/12/2022	9571-109958528-109960143-VCS-VCU-1491-VER-IN-1-1425-24032014-28122014-0	2014	1,616	1,616	0	0	1,616	100%
Total offsets retired this report and used in this report										1,616	
Total offsets retired this report and banked for future reports									0		
Type of offset units		Quantity (used for this reporting period claim)					Percentage of total				
Verified Carbon Units (VCUs)		1,616					100%				

7. RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATE (REC) SUMMARY

Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) summary

N/A

APPENDIX A: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The credits retired for this certification are Greenflet stapled credits.

APPENDIX B: ELECTRICITY SUMMARY

Electricity emissions are calculated using a location-based approach

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.

Market Based Approach Summary			
Market Based Approach	Activity Data (kWh)	Emissions (kgCO 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 & Precinct LGCs)	0	0	0%
GreenPower	0	0	0%
Jurisdictional renewables (LGCs retired)	0	0	0%
Jurisdictional renewables (LRET) (applied to ACT grid electricity)	0	0	0%
Large Scale Renewable Energy Target (applied to grid electricity only)	43,348	0	19%
Residual Electricity	189,829	188,873	0%
Total grid electricity	233,176	188,873	19%
Total Electricity Consumed (grid + non grid)	233,176	188,873	19%
Electricity renewables	43,348	0	
Residual Electricity	189,829	188,873	
Exported on-site generated electricity	0	0	
Emissions (kgCO ₂ e)		188,873	
Total renewables (grid and non-grid)	18.59%		
Mandatory	18.59%		
Voluntary	0.00%		
Behind the meter	0.00%		
Residual Electricity Emission Footprint (TCO₂e)	189		

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

Location Based Approach Summary

Location Based Approach	Activity Data (kWh)	Scope 2 Emissions (kgCO ₂ e)	Scope 3 Emissions (kgCO ₂ e)
ACT	0	0	0
NSW	77,164	60,188	5,401
SA	9,549	2,865	668
Vic	38,861	35,363	3,886
Qld	107,603	86,082	12,912
NT	0	0	0
WA	0	0	0
Tas	0	0	0
Grid electricity (scope 2 and 3)	233,176	184,498	22,868
ACT	0	0	0
NSW	0	0	0
SA	0	0	0
Vic	0	0	0
Qld	0	0	0
NT	0	0	0
WA	0	0	0
Tas	0	0	0
Non-grid electricity (Behind the meter)	0	0	0
Total Electricity Consumed	233,176	184,498	22,868

Emission Footprint (TCO₂e)	207
<i>Scope 2 Emissions (TCO₂e)</i>	184
<i>Scope 3 Emissions (TCO₂e)</i>	23

Climate Active Carbon Neutral Electricity summary

Carbon Neutral electricity offset by Climate Active Product	Activity Data (kWh)	Emissions (kgCO ₂ e)
None	0	0

Climate Active carbon neutral electricity is not renewable electricity. The emissions have been offset by another Climate Active member through their Product certification.

APPENDIX C: INSIDE EMISSIONS BOUNDARY

Non-quantified emission sources

The following sources emissions have been assessed as relevant, are captured within the emissions boundary, but are not measured (quantified) in the carbon inventory. These emissions are accounted for through an uplift factor. 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.

Relevant-non-quantified emission sources	(1) Immaterial	(2) Cost effective (but uplift applied)	(3) Data unavailable (but uplift applied & data plan in place)	(4) Maintenance
Refrigerant	Yes	No	No	No
Share of shopping centres utilities (other than electricity)	Yes	No	No	No

APPENDIX D: OUTSIDE EMISSIONS BOUNDARY

Excluded emission sources

The below emission sources have been assessed as not relevant to an organisation's or precinct'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.

The use and end of life phase of the sold jewellery pieces were excluded from this report.

Emission sources tested for relevance	(1) Size	(2) Influence	(3) Risk	(4) Stakeholders	(5) Outsourcing	Included in boundary?
Use of sold products	No	No	No	No	No	No
End-of-life treatment of sold products	No	Yes	No	No	No	No



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