PUBLIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

ARINEX PTY LTD (TRADING AS ARINEX)

ORGANISATION CERTIFICATION
FY2022–23

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 2022 – 30 June 2023 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.*  Nicole Walker Chief Executive Officer 19/01/2024

Australian Government
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

Version August 2023.

1.CERTIFICATION SUMMARY

TOTAL EMISSIONS OFFSET	443 tCO_2-e
OFFSETS USED	100% VCU
RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY	N/A
CARBON ACCOUNT	Prepared by: Pangolin Associates
TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT	Next technical assessment due: FY 2024

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2. CARBON NEUTRAL 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 2022/2023. This does not include Fiji or New Zealand operations as immaterial due to no permanent physical presence,

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 the 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
- Electricity
- Food
- ICT services and equipment
- Postage, courier and freight
- Products
- Professional services
- Refrigerants
- Transport (air)
- Transport (Land and Sea)
- Waste
- Water
- Working from home
- Office equipment and supplies
- Climate Active carbon neutral products/services

Non-quantified

N/A

Outside emission boundary

Excluded

Refrigerants

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).

From FY2022 to FY2023, Arinex' overall carbon emissions have increased by 69%.

Scope 2 Emissions

Electricity is no longer the largest component of our emissions after an increase in business travel in FY2023. 18% 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 2025. We will 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 FY2023 other significant scope 3 emissions sources are attributed to travel, including business flights (45% of total) and employee commuting (9% of total).

In FY2022, both business travel increased by 387% (transport-flights) and employee commuting reduced by nearly 2% (transport-land and sea).

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 FY2022, Arinex' food and catering emissions increased by 1,451% 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 FY2022 to FY2023, Arinex' overall carbon emissions have increased by 69%. This is unfortunate and due to overall expansion of the company. It is worth noting that there were further reductions in electricity emissions which is due to increased staff awareness.

In January 2023 Arinex launched a new internal sustainability database, which provides staff with contacts and information on preferred suppliers who have strong sustainability credentials. This has helped strengthen our preferred partner strategy, making it easier for staff to identify and contract environmentally-friendly brands.

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:	2021–22	272.9	272.9
Year 3:	2022–23	442.5	442.5

Significant changes in emissions

Emission source name	Previous year emissions (t CO_2-e)	Current year emissions (t CO_2-e)	Detailed reason for change
Electricity (location-based method, scope 2)	156.1	74.1	Changes in how scope 2 and 3 emissions are classified has seen a change in where emissions are allocated. When looking at overall electricity emissions they were 170.58 (t CO2-e) in FY2022 and 142.03 (t CO2-e) in FY2023. This reduction is due to better electricity consumption practices that have seen Arinex reducing their electricity emissions.
Electricity (location-based method, scope 3)	14.5	67.9	Changes in how scope 2 and 3 emissions are classified has seen a change in where emissions are allocated. When looking at overall electricity emissions they were 170.58 (t CO2-e) in FY2022 and 142.03 (t CO2-e) in FY2023. This reduction is due to better electricity consumption practices that have seen Arinex reducing their electricity emissions.
Long economy class flights (>3,700km)	20.9	128.1	Business travel has increased in line with higher frequency of business and number of events Arinex managed in FY22-23. It is an unavoidable fact that staff need to do a lot of travel due to the nature of our business.
Short economy class flights (>400km, ≤3,700km)	10.8	70.4	Business travel has increased in line with higher frequency of business and number of events Arinex managed in FY22-23. It is an unavoidable fact that staff need to do a lot of travel due to the nature of our business.

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

Certified brand name	Product/Service/Building/Precinct used
Pangolin Associates	Service

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 (t CO_2-e)
Accommodation and facilities	0.0	0.0	2.4	2.4
Electricity	0.0	74.1	67.9	142.03
Food	0.0	0.0	1.6	1.6
ICT services and equipment	0.0	0.0	9.5	9.5
Postage, courier and freight	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
Products	0.0	0.0	0.01	0.01
Professional services	0.0	0.0	33.9	33.9
Refrigerants	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.0
Transport (air)	0.0	0.0	199.3	199.3
Transport (Land and Sea)	0.0	0.0	41.3	41.3
Waste	0.0	0.0	2.7	2.7
Water	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.6
Working from home	0.0	0.0	8.9	8.9
Office equipment and supplies	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3
Climate Active Carbon Neutral products/services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total emissions	**0.0**	**74.1**	**368.3**	**442.5**

Uplift factors

N/A

6. CARBON OFFSETS

Offsets retirement approach

This certification has taken an in-arrears offsetting approach. The total emission to offset is 443 t CO_2-e. The total number of eligible offsets used in this report is 443. Of the total eligible offsets used, 0 were previously banked and 443 were newly purchased and retired. 0 are remaining and have been banked for future use.

Co-benefits

Natural Capital Units – Orana Park

Orana Park is a 4,500ha farm northwest of Bendigo owned and operated by the Tiverton Agriculture Impact Fund (TAIF).

TAIF's work with Orana Park will see the full restoration of riparian vegetation align the banks of the 33km Loddon River as well as a purpose-built wildlife sanctuary.

Orana Sanctuary has been built for Australian threatened species protection and breeding on 200ha of predator-proof land and will become a home for Eastern Bettong and Bush Stone Curlew incubation ad recovery programs.

Eligible offsets retirement summary

Offsets retired 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 retired (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 (%)**
Bundled Wind Power Project by Mytrah Group Stapled with Orana Natural Capital project	VCU	Verra	26/10/2023 30/10/23	6918-358618454-358618572-VCU-034-APX-IN-1-1728-01012017-24112017-0 43987- 44105	2017	119	119	0	0	119	27%
Bundled Wind Power Project by Mytrah Group	VCU	Verra	26/10/2023	6918-358617529-358617852-VCU-034-APX-IN-1-1728-01012017-24112017-0	2017	0	324	0	0	324	83%
									Total eligible offsets retired and used for this report	443	
									Total eligible offsets retired this report and banked for use in future reports	0	

Type of offset units	Eligible quantity (used for this reporting period)	Percentage of total
Verified Carbon Units (VCUs)	443	100%

7. RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATE (REC) SUMMARY

Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) summary

N/A

APPENDIX A: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Our reference: VC_CFL-3071_01 VOL001 - NCU-044

3031 October 2023

Brittany Batchelor and Emma Innes

Arinex Pty Ltd
Suite 22.01, 44 Market St
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Brittany and Emma

RE: Natural Capital Units issued

I can confirm that the following units have been recorded and allocated from the Orana Natural Capital Project:

Date	Project Reference	Serial Numbers	Amount
30.10.2023	Retired on behalf of Arinex Pty Ltd for FY2023 Climate Active Carbon Neutral Certification	43987-44105	119

One Natural Capital Unit represents the permanent protection of one square metre of very high conservation significance native habitat in Serpentine, Victoria.

Sincerely,

Tesha Mahoney

Registrar

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 location-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	0	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)	0	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)	33,587	0	19%
Residual Electricity	145,068	138,540	0%
Total renewable electricity (grid + non grid)	**33,587**	**0**	**19%**
Total grid electricity	**178,655**	**138,540**	**19%**
Total electricity (grid + non grid)	**178,655**	**138,540**	**19%**
Percentage of residual electricity consumption under operational control	58%		
Residual electricity consumption under operational control	**84,054**	**80,271**	
Scope 2	74,229	70,889	
Scope 3 (includes T&D emissions from consumption under operational control)	9,824	9,382	
Residual electricity consumption not under operational control	**61,014**	**58,269**	
Scope 3	61,014	58,269	

Total renewables (grid and non-grid)	**18.80%**
Mandatory	**18.80%**
Voluntary	**0.00%**
Behind the meter	**0.00%**
Residual scope 2 emissions (t CO_2-e)	**70.89**
Residual scope 3 emissions (t CO_2-e)	**67.65**
Scope 2 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO_2-e)	**70.89**
Scope 3 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO_2-e)	**67.65**
Total emissions liability (t CO_2-e)	**138.54**

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	**58%**	**(kWh)**	**Scope 2 Emissions ($kgCO_2$-e)**	**Scope 3 Emissions ($kgCO_2$-e)**	**(kWh)**	**Scope 3 Emissions ($kgCO_2$-e)**
ACT	0	0	0	0	0	0
NSW	121,075	70,152	51,211	4,209	50,923	40,229
SA	0	0	0	0	0	0
VIC	3,731	2,162	1,837	151	1,569	1,444
QLD	40,403	23,410	17,089	3,511	16,993	14,954
NT	0	0	0	0	0	0
WA	13,446	7,791	3,973	312	5,655	3,110
TAS	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grid electricity (scope 2 and 3)	**178,655**	**103,514**	**74,111**	**8,184**	**75,141**	**59,737**
ACT	0	0	0	0		
NSW	0	0	0	0		
SA	0	0	0	0		
VIC	0	0	0	0		
QLD	0	0	0	0		
NT	0	0	0	0		
WA	0	0	0	0		
TAS	0	0	0	0		
Non-grid electricity (behind the meter)	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**		
Total electricity (grid + non grid)	**178,655**					

Residual scope 2 emissions (t CO_2-e)	**74.11**
Residual scope 3 emissions (t CO^2-e)	**67.92**
Scope 2 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO_2-e)	**74.11**
Scope 3 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO_2-e)	**67.92**
Total emissions liability	**142.03**

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 product used	Electricity claimed from Climate Active electricity products (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 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
Refrigerants	N	N	N	N	N	Excluded due to immateriality
Fiji	N	N	N	N	N	immaterial as no physical presence
New Zealand	N	N	N	N	N	no relevant to stakeholders, emissions not significant, no risk, etc.

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