# **GREENHOUSE GAS VERIFICATION REPORT**

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UL Solutions has verified, to a limited level of assurance, the GHG Statement of

# GAP INC.

for January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023, to February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, in accordance with ISO 14064 Part 3: 2019. Gap Inc.'s organizational GHG Statement has been verified to meet the requirements of ISO 14064 Part 1: 2018 and UL Solutions has concluded that there is no evidence that the GHG Statement:

- Is not materially correct and is not a fair representation of GHG data and information.
- Has not been prepared in accordance with related International Standards on GHG quantification, monitoring, and reporting, or to relevant national standards or practices.

#### January 29th, 2023, to February 3rd, 2024

- Scope 1 Direct emissions: 36,164 metric tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e
- Scope 2 Total indirect emissions (Location-based): 218,342 metric tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e
- Scope 2 Total indirect emissions (Market-based): 85,094 metric tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e
- Scope 3 Other indirect emissions (Categories 3,5,6,7,9,12, and 14 only): 278,052 metric tonnes of CO2e
- Scope 1 Total direct energy consumption: 165,274,999 kWh
- Scope 2 Total indirect energy consumption: 650,685,969 kWh

All values are rounded to the nearest whole number

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### Lauren Alexander Lead Verifier

UL Verification Services Inc. 2211 Newmarket Parkway, Suite 106 Marietta, GA 30067 USA UL Solutions performs Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Verification in accordance with ISO 14064 Part 3: 2019. Greenhouse Gases: Specification with guidance for the verification and validation of greenhouse gas Statements.

UL Solutions applies a risk-based approach to GHG Verification that incorporates an investigation of the inherent and control risks associated with GHG reporting.

UL Solutions' verification approach includes but is not limited to the collection and analysis of:

- Qualitative data through the engagement of management.
- Quantitative data through receipt of data files from information management systems.
- Supporting evidence for all data.

A full description of the approach taken in this verification can be found in Appendix A.



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#### Gap Inc.

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## Introduction

Gap Inc. (hereafter referred to as "Gap") has contracted UL Solutions to verify Gap's GHG Statement to ensure organizational GHG inventories are complete and accurate for the purposes of internal reporting. Gap has provided a GHG Statement to UL Solutions covering the period of January 29th, 2023, to February 3rd, 2024, in accordance with ISO 14064 Part 1: 2018.

## Approach

UL Solutions performs GHG verification in accordance with ISO 14064 Part 3: 2019: Greenhouse Gases: Specification with guidance for the verification and validation of GHG Statements.

UL Solutions applies a risk-based approach to GHG verification that incorporates a detailed understanding of risks associated with GHG reporting and the controls required to mitigate such risks.

Our verification approach includes the collection and analysis of:

- Qualitative data through the engagement of management
- Quantitative data through receipt of data files from information management systems
- Supporting evidence for activity data

A full description of the approach can be found in Appendix A.

## Responsibilities

Gap designated themselves as the responsible party for the preparation and fair presentation of their GHG Statement and other supporting information required for evaluation of the Statement in accordance with the criteria laid out in ISO 14064 Part 1: 2018. UL Solutions is responsible for expressing an opinion of the GHG Statement based on findings from verification activities designed to assess whether the GHG Statement was materially accurate given quantitative and qualitative thresholds. The data assessed is historical in nature and this report is only valid for the GHG Statement of this defined period.

### Level of assurance

Gap requested that UL Solutions provide a limited level of assurance for their organizational GHG Statement.

## **Objectives**

To verify by limited assurance that Gap's GHG Statement is materially accurate for the purposes of internal reporting in terms of:

- The GHG emissions are as declared by the responsible party.
- The data reported are accurate, complete, consistent, transparent, and free of material error or omission.
- The GHG Statement is prepared consistent with the criteria laid out in ISO 14064 Part 1: 2018.

# Criteria

Criteria against which the verification assessment was undertaken:

• ISO 14064 Part 1: 2018.

# Scope

Customer name	Gap Inc.
Customer address	2 Folsom St. San Francisco, CA 94105
Control approach	Operational
Period of evaluation	January 29th, 2023, to February 3rd, 2024
Types of GHG included	CO <sub>2</sub> , CH <sub>4</sub> , N <sub>2</sub> O, HFCs, PFCs, SF <sub>6</sub>
GWP values applied	IPCC AR6
Intended users	Internal

## Table 1 - GHG emission sources in scope

Scope	Sources
Scope 1	Fossil fuel used in heating facilities
Scope 1	Fuel used in owned fleet
Scope 1	Refrigerants used for HVAC
Scope 2	Electricity used in facilities (location-based)
Scope 2	Electricity used in facilities (market-based)
Scope 2	Chilled water used in facilities
Scope 2	Steam used in facilities
Scope 3 Category 3	Fuel and energy-related activities
Scope 3 Category 5	Operational waste
Scope 3 Category 6	Business travel
Scope 3 Category 7	Employee commuting
Scope 3 Category 9	Downstream transport
Scope 3 Category 12	End-of-life emissions of sold products

Scope 3 Category 14	Franchises	
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#### Table 2 – Energy consumption sources in scope

Scope	Sources
Scope 1	Jet fuel
Scope 1	Natural gas
Scope 1	Propane
Scope 2	Chilled water
Scope 2	Grid electricity
Scope 2	Renewable electricity - Direct (Physical) PPA
Scope 2	Renewable electricity - Virtual (Financial) PPA
Scope 2	Steam

Note: Table 1 and Table 2 use GHG protocol terminology. The mapping of GHG Protocol to ISO terminology is as follows: Scope 1 is equivalent to Direct emissions, Scope 2 is equivalent to Indirect emissions, Scope 3 is equivalent to Other indirect emissions.

## **Materiality**

The intended users of the GHG Statement are internal and did not specify a required quantitative materiality threshold. Therefore, UL Solutions has used the quantitative materiality threshold suggested by the WRI GHG Protocol for Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard (Revised edition), where an error is considered to be materially misleading if its value exceeds 5% of the total inventory reported in the GHG Statement.

### **Issuance of Opinion**

In UL Solutions' opinion, based on the evaluation activities conducted in accordance with ISO 14064 Part 3: 2019 to Gap's organizational level GHG Statement for January 29th, 2023, to February 3rd, 2024, limited level of assurance has determined that there is no evidence that the GHG Statement:

- Is not materially correct and is not a fair representation of GHG data and information.
- Has not been prepared in accordance with related International Standards on GHG quantification, monitoring, and reporting, or to relevant national standards or practices.

Gap's GHG Statement for January 29th, 2023, to February 3rd, 2024, written in accordance with ISO 14064 Part 1: 2018 has been verified by UL Solutions to a limited level of assurance. The emissions by scope are verified as follows:

Scope	Sources	Metric Tonnes CO2e
Scope 1	Fossil fuel used in heating facilities	29,131
Scope 1	Fuel used in owned fleet	1,187
Scope 1	Refrigerants used for HVAC	5,845
Scope 2	Electricity use (location-based)	217,814
Scope 2	Electricity use (market-based)	84,566
Scope 2	Chilled water use	33
Scope 2	Steam use	495
Scope 3 Cat. 3	Fuel and energy-related activities	18,498
Scope 3 Cat. 5	Operational waste	10,068
Scope 3 Cat. 6	Business travel	2,186
Scope 3 Cat. 7	Employee commuting	70,531
Scope 3 Cat. 9	Downstream transport	68,470
Scope 3 Cat. 12	End-of-life emissions of sold products	83,648
Scope 3 Cat. 14	Franchises	24,651

Note: All values are rounded to the nearest whole number

Activities performed to the limited level of assurance are less extensive in nature, timing, and extent than activities performed for a reasonable level of assurance.

Place and date: 2211 Newmarket Parkway, Suite 106, Marietta, GA 30067, USA, August 29th, 2024

Verifier Signature:

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# Appendix A

# Introduction

Appendix A describes how UL Solutions executed the verification of Gap Inc. (hereafter referred to as "Gap") GHG Statement issued for the period January 29th, 2023 to February 3rd, 2024, in accordance with The Greenhouse Gas Protocol: A Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard (Revised Edition)

# **Execution summary**

The scope of the verification activities was defined during the verification planning stage and were informed by the strategic analysis and risk assessment based on submitted data and industry research.

The verification activities involved, but were not limited to the items below:

- Strategic Analysis
- Risk Assessment
- Verification Activities
- Verification Conclusions
- Recommendations

The verification was executed by the team shown below:

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#### GHG management system

Meetings with the Manager, ESG Reporting and Disclosure of Gap determined that the selection and management of GHG information was determined by the requirements of internal users:

The boundary of the system encompassed multiple facilities under the operational control of Gap.

For the facility, the Manager, ESG Reporting and Disclosure was responsible for the collection and entry of GHG-related data into third-party managed software solutions for managing carbon emissions. A review of the software showed features that mitigate control risks such as a pre-defined unit of measure conversions, automated comparisons of values between reporting periods, and a full audit trail of entered data.

A review of the software's use by Gap showed that the solution was overseen by the Manager, ESG Reporting and Disclosure as a software administrator within Gap who provided in-depth user training at the beginning of the reporting period for members of staff and ongoing oversight of the activity.

Based on the review of the GHG management system, UL Solutions did not find evidence that the GHG management system was not in accordance with the required criteria.

#### GHG data and information

GHG data and information were reviewed for multiple emissions sources:

**Gaseous fuels:** Gaseous fuels were used for heating purposes. Data were derived from utility bills showing natural gas consumption. These values were then multiplied with the relevant emission factor. Based on the review of the verification activities performed on the reported emissions from purchased natural gas use, UL Solutions did not find evidence that the information was not in accordance with the required criteria.

**Liquid fuels:** Liquid fuels were used for transportation purposes. Data were derived from utility logs and bills showing the consumption of jet fuel. These values were then multiplied by the relevant emission factor. Based on the verification activities performed on the reported emissions from liquid fuel use, UL Solutions did not find evidence that the information was not in accordance with the required criteria.

**Refrigerant use:** Refrigerant was used for cooling purposes. Data were derived from supplier invoices showing refrigerant recharges. These values were then multiplied by the relevant emission factor. Based on the verification activities performed on the reported emissions from refrigerant used, UL Solutions did not find evidence that the information was not in accordance with the required criteria.

**Purchased electricity (non-renewable):** Purchased electricity (non-renewable) was used for cooling and power purposes. Data were derived from utility bills showing electricity consumption in kWh. These values were then multiplied by the relevant emission factor in the location-based and market-based scenario. Based on the verification activities performed on the reported emissions from purchased electricity (non-renewable) used, UL Solutions did not find evidence that the information was not in accordance with the required criteria.

**Purchased electricity (renewable):** Purchased electricity (renewable) was used for cooling and power purposes. Consumption data and documentation were gathered from facilities and assumed that each MWh of renewable electricity consumed at these sites had zero GHG emissions. Based on verification activities performed on the reported emissions from purchased electricity (renewable), UL Solutions did not find evidence that the information was not in accordance with the required criteria.

**Chilled Water:** Chilled water was used for cooling purposes. Data were derived from utility bills showing chilled water use. These values were then multiplied with the relevant emission factor. Based on the verification activities performed on the reported emissions from chilled water use, UL Solutions did not find evidence that the information was not in accordance with the required criteria.

**Steam:** Stream was used for supplying energy to facilities and equipment. Data were derived from utility bills showing steam consumption. These values were then multiplied with the relevant emission factor. Based on the verification activities performed on the reported emissions from steam use, UL Solutions did not find evidence that the information was not in accordance with the required criteria.

**Fuel and energy related activities:** Fuel and energy related emissions occurred during the production of fuels and energy purchased and consumed by Gap. These emissions were derived by multiplying the

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energy consumption from a given source with the relevant emission factor. Based on the verification activities performed on the reported emissions from fuel and energy related activities, UL Solutions did not find evidence that the information was not in accordance with the required criteria.

**Operational waste:** Operational waste was generated from Gap's office and retail activities. Data were derived from spend on waste management services. These were then multiplied with the relevant spend based emission factor. Based on the verification activities performed on the reported emissions from operational waste, UL Solutions did not find evidence that the information was not in accordance with the required criteria.

**Business travel:** Business travel data were derived from a number of sources and consolidated by the Gap travel and corporate team. Travel activities were then categorized and multiplied with the relevant emission factor. Based on the verification activities performed on the reported emissions from business travel, UL Solutions did not find evidence that the information was not in accordance with the required criteria.

**Employee commuting:** Employee commutes were modelled based on commute frequency and roundtrip distance per employee taking into account the type of employee and their employment within the reporting year. The model produced a passenger mile value that was then multiplied with the emission factor for average cars. Based on the verification activities performed on the reported emissions from employee commuting, UL Solutions did not find evidence that the information was not in accordance with the required criteria.

**Downstream transport:** Downstream transport activities were either (a) calculated by multiplying transport leg distance with the mass of good transported to yield a tonnekm values, which were then multiplied by the relevant emission factor for the transport mode or (b) received as an absolute CO2e value from third party logistics providers. Based on the verification activities performed on the reported emissions from downstream transport, UL Solutions did not find evidence that the information was not in accordance with the required criteria.

**End of life emissions of sold products:** End of life emissions of sold products and packaging were modelled based on the expected destination mix per material type of product and packaging sold. (fiber, plastic, paper). The model produced a mass of product and packaging to be recycled, incinerated or landfilled per material type that was then multiplied with the relevant emission factor. Based on the verification activities performed on the reported emissions from end of life of sold products, UL Solutions did not find evidence that the information was not in accordance with the required criteria.

**Franchises:** Franchise emissions were modelled based on their floor area (in square foot) multiplied with an electricity use intensity derived from primary data recorded by Gap for comparable sites. The modelled electricity consumption values were then multiplied with the relevant emission factor. Based on the verification activities performed on the reported emissions from franchises, UL Solutions did not find evidence that the information was not in accordance with the required criteria.

#### Data aggregation processes

The data aggregation process contained two steps.

Activity data are gathered from various sources and consolidated by Gap's ESG reporting function. Consolidated activity data are then entered into the software used by Gap, through which CO2e emissions values were calculated and aggregated into the appropriate scopes.

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The risk that activity data were consolidated incorrectly was addressed through substantive testing – reviewing samples of evidence to confirm that the activity data were correct for the source and period under review. The second step was assessed through analytical testing procedures as shown below:

#### Analytical testing

A range of analytical testing techniques were used to verify the data.

**Recalculation:** Multiplying activity data by the stated emission factor to check the correctness of the calculation function within the software solution. This test addressed the risk present by incorrect software configuration. UL Solutions did not find evidence that the calculations were not in accordance with the required criteria.

**Trend analysis:** Observing the progression of data over time to check for the presence of anomalous values. This test addressed the risk presented by the introduction of data using an incorrect unit of measure or an incorrect order of magnitude. UL Solutions did not find evidence that the progression of data over time were not in accordance with the required criteria.

**Peer review:** Observing the trends of the data between multiple different industry peers. Five peers were used during this review. The test addresses the risks that the emissions data significantly diverged from industry expectations. UL Solutions did not find evidence that the data was outside of the normal trends for this industry and were not in accordance with the required criteria.

**Data tracing:** Rebuilding aggregate values from their source (e.g., utility bill) to the organization total to check for the inclusion and correct aggregation of all data. This test addressed the risk that values were mistakenly transferred from the source file to the software solution. UL Solutions did not find evidence that the aggregations were not in accordance with the required criteria.

#### Aggregation testing:

**Control testing:** During the strategic analysis, UL Solutions found that a significant portion of the process for the creation of the GHG Statement was facilitated by the software solution used by Gap. As a result, its proper use was found to be the largest control risk. Therefore, inquiries were made into the training received by Gap in both the collection of GHG information and the use of the software solution for preparing a GHG Statement. UL Solutions found that all personnel involved in the preparation of the GHG Statement at Gap had received training on the preparation of a GHG Statement and the use of software for the preparation of a GHG Statement. UL Solutions did not find evidence that the training and resulting capabilities of personnel at Gap were insufficient to properly gather activity data and use the system.

**Estimate testing**: Rebuilding estimated activity values from their source (e.g., the square footage of a facility) to check for accurate estimation of all data. Scope 1 Natural gas, Scope 2 Market-based, and Scope 2 Location-Based emissions were largely tested ensuring each type of estimate methodology yielded no errors. UL Solutions did not find evidence that the estimate methods applied were not in accordance with the required criteria.

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