BUSINESS CHALLENGE

The Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP), in existence since 2000, has become the gold standard for carbon disclosure methodology and process for corporations. It provides essential climate change data to the global market and the CDP’s online database is the largest registry of corporate Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions and corporate climate change strategies in the world. Many organizations in all major economies now measure and disclose their greenhouse gas emissions and climate change strategies through CDP in order to set reduction targets and make performance improvements. Independent verification is one of CDP’s key strategic aims and should become an integral part of global corporate carbon reporting in order for users to place the requisite level of trust in data which are essential for investment and other decision making purposes.

SOLUTION

What is carbon emissions verification?
Bureau Veritas' verification is a process of independent review of specified performance and management information, leading to a third party opinion that provides intended users of that information with the assurance that it is presented fairly and accurately.

What are the key benefits?
- Meet the verification requirements of the CDP questionnaire to maximize disclosure performance, also enabling:
  - consideration in the Carbon Disclosure Leaders Index (CDLI)
  - consideration in the Carbon Performance Leaders Index (CPLI)
- Provide accurate and reliable carbon information for general disclosure purposes (CDP, corporate reporting, certification, other)
- Improve the effectiveness of internal carbon accounting and reporting systems
- A reliable platform for energy use assessment and reduction strategies
- Potential for integration of carbon disclosure verification with other third party services

RELATED SERVICES

We can provide a complete corporate service including validation, verification and management of carbon emissions. We offer the possibility of combined certification with ISO 50001, ISO 14001, OHSAS 18001, ISO 26000, ISO 9001 and EU ETS verification for example, as well as national and sector-specific schemes.
WHY CHOOSE BUREAU VERITAS?

- **Expertise** - Bureau Veritas is one of the market leaders on carbon validation and verification mechanisms, covering the European Union Emissions Trading Scheme (EU ETS), the Clean Development Mechanism and Joint Implementation mechanisms (accredited by the United Nations as a Designated Operational Entity) and other international third party audit services. We provide verification, certification and quality assurance for standards such as ISO14064, PAS2050, GHG Protocol, ISO14040, Global Reporting Initiative G3, The Carbon Trust Standard, etc.
- **Recognition** - Recognized by more than 35 leading accreditation bodies, we are currently accredited for validation and verification of a range of carbon and energy activities and approved by more than 30 different authorities throughout Europe to perform regulated emissions verification.
- **Network** - A global presence in more than 140 countries means clients benefit from both international expertise and in-depth knowledge of local standards.
- **Business understanding** - Clients benefit from our breadth and depth across all sectors, coupled with a comprehensive understanding of international, national and local GHG and carbon management needs.

OUR APPROACH

- To provide such an opinion on all or part of the information disclosed to CDP, we use our sector-wide carbon related audit experience to check relevant data and qualitative claims against established and suitable criteria.
- The outcome is an independent statement citing the scope, approach and professional audit opinion and will provide both the organization and the intended users with assurance that such information is reliable, accurate and can be trusted.
- Additionally, this is supported by a detailed analysis to the reporting organization that elaborates on our findings to assist with internal changes for the overall effectiveness of data management and reporting, thereby enhancing carbon disclosure for the future.