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## Independent limited assurance report

**To the Shareholders of ZAD Holding Company Q.P.S.C.**

**Report on the Company's compliance with its Articles of Association and the provisions of the Qatar Financial Markets Authority's law and relevant legislations including the Corporate Governance Code for Companies and Legal Entities Listed on the Main Market**

In accordance with Article 24 of the Corporate Governance Code for Companies and Legal Entities Listed on the Main Market ("the Code") issued by the Qatar Financial Markets Authority ("QFMA"), we were engaged by the Board of Directors of ZAD Holding Company Q.P.S.C. ("the Company") to carry out a limited assurance engagement over Board of Directors' assessment (a) whether the Company has a process in place to comply with its Articles of Association, the provisions of the QFMA's law and relevant legislations; and (b) whether the Company is in compliance with the provisions of the Code during the year ended 31 December 2024, together referred to as "the Corporate Governance Statement".

### Responsibilities of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Company is responsible for:

- preparation and fair presentation of the Corporate Governance Statement in accordance with the Code. The Company's Corporate Governance Statement is to be included as part of the annual report of the Company.
- designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the Corporate Governance Statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
- preventing and detecting fraud and for identifying and ensuring that the Company has a process in place to comply with its Articles of Association, the provisions of the QFMA's law and relevant legislations and compliance with the provisions of the Code.
- ensuring that management and staff involved with the preparation of the Corporate Governance Statement are properly trained, systems are properly updated and that any changes in reporting encompass all significant business units.



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### Our Responsibilities

Our responsibility is to examine the Corporate Governance Statement prepared by the Company and to report thereon in the form of an independent limited assurance conclusion based on the evidence obtained. We conducted our engagement in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000 (Revised), *Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information* issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. That standard requires that we plan and perform our procedures to obtain a meaningful level of assurance about whether the Corporate Governance Statement is fairly presented in all material respects, in accordance with the requirements as per Article 24(4) of the Code.

We apply International Standard on Quality Management 1, which requires the firm to design, implement and operate a system of quality management including policies or procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

We have complied with the independence and other ethical requirements of the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' *International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards)* (IESBA Code), which is founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behavior.

The procedures selected depend on our understanding of the Company's process for compliance with its Articles of Association, the provisions of the QFMA's law and relevant legislations, and its compliance with the provisions of the Code and other engagement circumstances, and our consideration of areas where material non-compliances are likely to arise.

In obtaining an understanding of the Company's process for compliance with its Articles of Association, the provisions of the QFMA's law and relevant legislations, and its compliance with provisions of the Code and other engagement circumstances, we have considered the process used to prepare the Corporate Governance Statement in order to design limited assurance procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purposes of expressing a conclusion as to the effectiveness of the Company's process or internal control over the preparation and fair presentation of the Corporate Governance Statement.

Our engagement also included assessing the appropriateness of the Company's process for compliance with its Articles of Association, the provisions of the QFMA's law and relevant legislations and its compliance with the provisions of the Code, the suitability of the criteria used by the Company in preparing the Corporate Governance Statement in the circumstances of the engagement, evaluating the appropriateness of the methods, policies and procedures used in the preparation of the Corporate Governance Statement.

The procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement vary in nature and timing from, and are less in extent than for, a reasonable assurance engagement. Consequently, the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is substantially lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had a reasonable assurance engagement been performed.

Our limited assurance procedures do not involve assessing the qualitative aspects or effectiveness of the procedures adopted by the Board of Directors to comply with the requirements of the provisions of the Code.

The procedures performed over the Corporate Governance Statement included, but were not limited to:

- Examining the assessment completed by the Board of Directors to validate whether the Company has a process in place to comply with its Articles of Association, the provisions of the QFMA's law and relevant legislations, and whether it is in compliance with the provisions of the Code;



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### Our Responsibilities (continued)

- Examining the supporting evidence provided by the Board of Directors to validate the Company's compliance with the Code; and
- Conducting additional procedures as deemed necessary to validate the Company's compliance with the Code (e.g. review governance policies, procedures and practices, etc.).

As part of this engagement, we have not performed any procedures by way of audit, review or verification of the Corporate Governance Statement nor of the underlying records or other sources from which the Corporate Governance Statement was extracted.

### Other Information

The Board of Directors is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information to be included in the Company's annual report which is expected to be made available to us after the date of this report. The Corporate Governance Statement and our limited assurance report thereon will be included in the annual report. When we read the annual report, if we conclude that there is a material misstatement therein, we are required to communicate the matter to the Board of Directors.

### Characteristics and Limitations of the Corporate Governance Statement

Many of the procedures followed by entities to adopt governance and legal requirements depend on the personnel applying the procedure, their interpretation of the objective of such procedure, their assessment of whether the compliance procedure was implemented effectively, and in certain cases would not maintain audit trail. It is also noticeable that the design of compliance procedures would follow best practices that vary from one entity to another, which do not form a clear set of criteria to compare with. Non-financial information is subject to more inherent limitations than financial information, given the characteristics of the Board of Directors' assessment on the process in place to ensure compliance with the Company's Articles of Association, the provisions of the QFMA's law and relevant legislations and compliance with the provisions of the Code and the methods used for determining such information. Because of the inherent limitations of internal controls over compliance with relevant laws and regulations, including the possibility of collusion or improper management override of controls, material misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected.

The Corporate Governance Statement is prepared to meet the common needs of a broad range of users and may not, therefore, include every aspect of the information that each individual user may consider important in its own particular environment.

### Criteria

The criteria for this engagement is the process for compliance with the Company's Articles of Association, the provisions of the QFMA's law and relevant legislations and compliance with the provisions of the Code.



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### Conclusion

Our conclusion has been formed on the basis of, and is subject to, the matters outlined in this report.

We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our conclusion.

Based on the procedures performed and evidence obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the Board of Directors' Corporate Governance Statement for the year ended 31 December 2024 that

(a) the Company has a process in place to comply with its Articles of Association, the provisions of the QFMA's law and relevant legislations; and

(b) the Company is in compliance with the provisions of the Code;

is not, in all material respects, fairly stated in accordance with the requirements as per Article 24(4) of the Code.

### Emphasis of Matter

We draw attention to the matter in the Board of Directors' Corporate Governance Statement, Section 13 (3): Compliance and Control of Improvements. According to the Code, Article 37, the Company's Articles of Association do not include specific provisions or mechanisms related to minority shareholders and their interests and rights or prejudice the ownership of the Company's capital. Our conclusion is not modified in respect of this matter.

### Restriction of Use of Our Report

Our report is prepared for the shareholders of the Company and QFMA solely.

Our report is designed to meet the requirements of the QFMA's Corporate Governance Code and to discharge the responsibilities assigned to external auditors as specified in Article 24 of the Code. Our report should not therefore be regarded as suitable to be used or relied on by any party wishing to acquire rights against us other than the shareholders of the Company and QFMA for any purpose or in any context. Any party other than the shareholders of the Company and QFMA who obtains access to our report or a copy thereof and chooses to rely on our report (or any part thereof) will do so at its own risk. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we accept or assume no responsibility and deny any liability to any party other than the shareholders of the Company and QFMA for our work, for this independent limited assurance report, or for the conclusions we have reached.

Our report is released to the shareholders of the Company and QFMA on the basis that it shall not be copied, referred to or disclosed, in whole (save for the Company's own internal purposes) or in part, without our prior written consent.

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