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# Independent reasonable assurance report

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

### Report on Internal Controls over Financial Reporting

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") and its subsidiaries (together referred to as "the Group") to carry out a reasonable assurance engagement over Board of Directors' description of the processes and internal controls and assessment of the suitability of the design, implementation and operating effectiveness of the Group's internal controls over financial reporting (the 'ICOFR') as at 31 December 2024 (the "ICOFR Statement").

#### Responsibilities of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Company is responsible for preparation and fair presentation of the ICOFR Statement in accordance with the control objectives set out in the criteria.

The ICOFR Statement, which was signed by the Group Board of Directors and shared with KPMG on 14 April 2025 ('Appendix 1'), includes the following:

- the Board of Directors' assessment of the suitability of design, implementation and operating effectiveness of the ICOFR;
- the description of the process and internal controls over financial reporting for the processes of revenue, inventory, accounts payables, accounts receivables, treasury, payroll, expenses, leases, loans, related parties, equity investments, general Ledger and financial reporting;
- designing, implementing and testing controls to achieve the stated control objectives;
- identification of control gaps and failures, how they are remediated, and procedures set to prevent such failures or to close control gaps; and
- planning and performance of the management's testing, and identification of the control deficiencies.



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### Responsibilities of the Board of Directors (continued)

The Board of Directors is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal controls over financial reporting based on the criteria established in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013)*, issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (“COSO” or “COSO Framework”).

This responsibility includes designing, implementing, maintaining and testing internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the ICOFR Statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. It also includes developing the control objectives in line with the COSO Framework; designing, implementing and effectively operating controls to achieve the stated control objectives; selecting and applying policies, making judgments and estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances, and maintaining adequate records in relation to the appropriateness of the Group’s ICOFR.

The Board of Directors is also responsible for preventing and detecting fraud and for identifying and ensuring that the Group complies with laws and regulations applicable to its activities. The Board of Directors is responsible for ensuring that management and staff involved with the preparation of the ICOFR Statement are properly trained, systems are properly updated and that any changes in reporting encompass all significant business units.

### Our Responsibilities

Our responsibility is to examine the ICOFR Statement prepared by the Group and to issue a report thereon in the form of an independent reasonable 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 reasonable assurance about whether the ICOFR Statement is fairly presented, in all material respects, in accordance with the control objectives set out therein.

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 judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the suitability of the design, implementation and operating effectiveness of the Group’s internal controls over financial reporting, whether due to fraud or error.

Our engagement also included assessing the appropriateness of the Group’s ICOFR, and the suitability of the criteria used by the Group in preparing and presenting the ICOFR Statement in the circumstances of the engagement, evaluating the overall presentation of the ICOFR Statement, and whether the internal controls over financial reporting are suitably designed, implemented and are operating effectively as of 31 December 2024 based on the COSO Framework. Reasonable assurance is less than absolute assurance.



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### Our Responsibilities (continued)

The procedures performed over the ICOFR Statement include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Conducted inquiries with management of the Group to gain an understanding of the risk assessment and scoping exercise conducted by management;
- Examined the in-scope areas using materiality at the Group's consolidated financial statement level;
- Assessed the adequacy of the following:
  - Process level control documentation and related risks and controls as summarized in the Risk & Control Matrix ("RCM");
  - Control Environment, Risk Assessment, Monitoring, and Information and Communication (CERAMIC) controls documentation and related risks and controls as summarized in the RCM;
  - Risk arising from Information Technology and controls as summarized in the RCM;
  - Disclosure controls as summarized in the RCM.
- Obtained an understanding of the methodology adopted by management for internal control design and implementation testing;
- Inspected the walkthrough and design and implementation testing completed by management and conducted independent walkthrough testing, on a sample basis, as deemed necessary;
- Assessed the significance of any internal control weaknesses identified by management;
- Assessed the significance of any additional gaps identified through the procedures performed.
- Examined the management plans for testing the operating effectiveness to evaluate the reasonableness of tests with respect to the nature, extent and timing thereof, and whether the testing responsibilities have been appropriately assigned;
- Examined the management's testing documents to assess whether the operating effectiveness testing of key controls has been performed by the management in accordance with the management testing plan; and
- Re-performed tests on key controls to gain comfort on the management testing of operating effectiveness.

As part of this engagement, we have not performed any procedures by way of audit, review or verification of the ICOFR Statement nor of the underlying records or other sources from which the ICOFR 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 Group's annual report which is expected to be made available to us after the date of this report. The ICOFR Statement and our reasonable 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.



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### Characteristics and Limitations of the ICOFR Statement

Non-financial information is subject to more inherent limitations than financial information, given the characteristics of the Board of Directors' Report on Internal Controls over Financial Reporting and the methods used for determining such information. Because of the inherent limitations of internal controls over financial reporting including the possibility of collusion or improper management override of controls, material misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Therefore, internal controls over financial reporting may not prevent or detect all errors or omissions in processing or reporting transactions and consequently cannot provide absolute assurance that the control objectives will be met.

Also, projections of any evaluation of the internal controls over financial reporting to future periods are subject to the risk that the internal control over financial reporting may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate. Furthermore, the controls activities designed, and operated as of 31 December 2024 covered by our assurance report will not have retrospectively remedied any weaknesses or deficiencies that existed in relation to the internal controls over the financial reporting prior to the date those controls were placed in operation.

The ICOFR 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 are the control objectives based on the COSO Framework against which the design, implementation and operating effectiveness of the controls is measured or evaluated.

### 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.

In our opinion, based on the results of our reasonable assurance procedures, the Board of Directors' ICOFR Statement as of 31 December 2024 that the controls were properly designed and implemented and operated effectively in accordance with the COSO framework is, in all material respects, fairly stated.

### 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.



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### Restriction of Use of Our Report (continued)

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 reasonable 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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Appendix 1: Board of Directors Statement on ICOFR



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## Management Assessment of Internal Control over Financial Reporting

### General

The Board of Directors of the ZAD Holding Company Q.P.S.C. ("the Company") and its consolidated subsidiaries (together "the Group") is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting ("ICOFR") as required by Qatar Financial Markets Authority ("QFMA"). Our internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of the Group's consolidated financial statements for external reporting purposes in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IFRS Accounting Standards). ICOFR also includes our disclosure controls and procedures designed to prevent misstatements.

### Risks in Financial Reporting

The main risks in financial reporting are that either the consolidated financial statements are not presented fairly due to inadvertent or intentional errors or the publication of consolidated financial statements is not done on a timely basis. A lack of fair presentation arises when one or more financial statement accounts or disclosures contain misstatements (or omissions) that are material. Misstatements are deemed material if they could, individually or collectively, influence economic decisions that users make on the basis of the consolidated financial statements.

To confine those risks of financial reporting, the Group has established ICOFR with the aim of providing reasonable but not absolute assurance against material misstatements. We have also assessed the design, implementation and operating effectiveness of the Group's ICOFR based on the criteria established in Internal Control Integrated Framework (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). COSO recommends the establishment of specific objectives to facilitate the design and evaluate the adequacy of a control system. As a result, in establishing ICOFR, management has adopted the following financial statement objectives:

## Risks in Financial Reporting (continued)

- Existence / Occurrence - assets and liabilities exist and transactions have occurred;
- Completeness - all transactions are recorded, account balances are included in the consolidated financial statements;
- Valuation / Measurement - assets, liabilities and transactions are recorded in the financial reports at the appropriate amounts;
- Rights and Obligations and ownership - rights and obligations are appropriately recorded as assets and liabilities; and
- Presentation and disclosures - classification, disclosure and presentation of financial reporting is appropriate.

However, any internal control system, including ICOFR, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable, but not absolute assurance that the objectives of that control system are met. As such, disclosure controls and procedures or systems for ICOFR may not prevent all errors and fraud. Furthermore, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs.

## Organization of the Internal Control System

### Functions Involved in the System of Internal Control over Financial Reporting

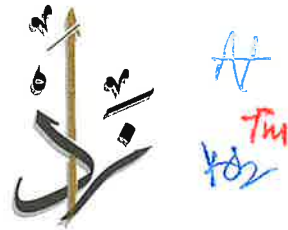
Controls within the system of ICOFR are performed by all business and support functions with an involvement in reviewing the reliability of the books and records that underlie the consolidated financial statements. As a result, the operation of ICOFR involves staff based in various functions across the organization.

### Controls to Minimize the Risk of Financial Reporting Misstatement

The system of ICOFR consists of a large number of internal controls and procedures aimed at minimizing the risk of misstatement of the consolidated financial statements. Such controls are integrated into the operating process and include those which:

- are ongoing or permanent in nature such as supervision within written policies and procedures or segregation of duties;
- operate on a periodic basis such as those which are performed as part of the annual consolidated financial statement preparation process;
- are preventative or detective in nature;
- have a direct or indirect impact on the consolidated financial statements themselves. Controls which have an indirect effect on the consolidated financial statements include Control Environment, Risk Assessment, Monitoring, and Information and Communication (CERAMIC) controls and Information Technology general controls such as system access and deployment controls whereas a control with a direct impact could be, for example, a reconciliation which directly supports a balance sheet line item; and





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- feature automated and/or manual components. Automated controls are control functions embedded within system processes such as application enforced segregation of duty controls and interface checks over the completeness and accuracy of inputs. Manual internal controls are those operated by an individual or group of individuals such as authorization of transactions.

#### Measuring Design, Implementation and Operating Effectiveness of Internal Control

For the financial year 2024, the Group has undertaken a formal evaluation of the adequacy of the design, implementation and operating effectiveness of the system of ICOFR considering:

- The risk of misstatement of the consolidated financial statement line items, considering such factors as materiality and the susceptibility of the financial statement item to misstatement; and
- The susceptibility of identified controls to failure, considering such factors as the degree of automation, complexity, and risk of management override, competence of personnel and the level of judgment required.

These factors, in aggregate, determine the nature, timing and extent of evidence that management requires in order to assess whether the design, implementation and operating effectiveness of the system of ICOFR is effective. The evidence itself is generated from procedures integrated within the daily responsibilities of staff or from procedures implemented specifically for purposes of the ICOFR evaluation. Information from other sources also form an important component of the evaluation since such evidence may either bring additional control issues to the attention of management or may corroborate findings.

The evaluation has included an assessment of the design, implementation, and operating effectiveness of controls within various processes including revenue, inventories, accounts payables, accounts receivables, treasury, payroll, expenses, leases, loans, related parties, equity investments, general ledger and financial reporting. As a result of the assessment of the design, implementation, and operating effectiveness of ICOFR, management did not identify any material weaknesses and concluded that ICOFR is appropriately designed, implemented, and operated effectively as of 31 December 2024.

Board Member

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