

## Independent assurance statement by Deloitte & Touche LLP ('Deloitte') to Tube Lines Limited ('Tube Lines') on selected information included in their Environment Report 2006

### What we looked at: scope of our work

Tube Lines have engaged us to perform limited assurance procedures on certain environmental performance data relating to the nine month period April to December 2006. The assured data appears in the 'Facts and Figures - performance indicators' section of their Environment Report 2006, posted on their website. The scope of our work was the 2006-related performance metrics listed below:

Assured 2006 Performance Data
1. Complaints - Number of complaints reported (total, noise, nuisance, waste, pollution, wildlife, average days to close) - Complaint rate ( $[\text{Number complaints} \div \text{man hours}] \times 100,000$ )
2. Number of commendations reported
3. Number of incidents reported (total, waste, pollution, wildlife)
4. Number of near hits reported from inspections (total, noise, waste, pollution, wildlife, average days to close, percentage closed on time)
5. Number of non-conformances raised through internal audits
6. Number of external audit findings (total, non-conformance, issue, observation)
7. Energy consumption per location (electricity kWh, gas m <sup>3</sup> )
8. Water consumption per location (m <sup>3</sup> )
9. Amount of waste generated (total weight tonnes, total volume litres)
10. Tube Lines' 2006 environmental business objectives: - Percentage change in the number of environmental incidents - Percentage change in the noise complaint rate - Percentage change in energy consumption at Westferry Circus headquarters
11. Legal compliance (number of notices/prosecutions)
12. Number of employees attending Go Green training and operatives attending site environmental tool box talks
13. Number of environmental awards received

### What we did: assurance process and standards

#### *Engagement assurance standards*

- We conducted our work in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 (ISAE 3000) issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB) for carrying out assurance engagements on non-financial information.
- This is a limited assurance\* engagement, which is designed to give a similar level of assurance to that obtained in a review of interim financial information.

#### *Assurance procedures*

- This standard requires that we review the systems, processes and controls that deliver the selected performance data.
- Our work consisted primarily of making inquiries of company personnel and carrying out analytical procedures and sample tests as follows:
  - Understanding, analysing and testing on a sample basis the collation, aggregation, validation and reporting of the selected performance data; and
  - Reading and analysing the content of the report against the findings of our work, industry practices and other relevant information and, as necessary, making recommendations for improvement.
- The limited assurance\* procedures engagement excludes procedures such as testing of source data and is substantially less in scope than a reasonable assurance\* engagement. Accordingly we do not provide reasonable assurance on those matters specified in this statement.

## **What we found: our conclusions**

Based on the work we performed, we are not aware of anything that causes us to believe that the environmental performance data outlined above are materially misstated.

## **Responsibilities of directors and the independent assurance provider**

### **Tube Lines' responsibilities**

- The directors are responsible for the preparation of the Environment Report and for the information and statements contained within it. They are responsible for determining Tube Lines' objectives in respect of environmental performance and for establishing and maintaining appropriate performance management and internal control systems from which the reported information is derived.

### **Deloitte's responsibilities, independence and team competencies**

- Our responsibility is to independently express a conclusion on the environmental performance data for 2006 as presented in Tube Lines Environment Report 2006 'Facts and Figures – performance indicators' section.
- This statement is made solely to Tube Lines in accordance with our letter of engagement for the purpose of the directors' governance and stewardship. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to Tube Lines those matters we are required to state to them in this statement and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Tube Lines for our work, for this statement, or for the conclusions we have formed.

## **Deloitte & Touche LLP**

**London, United Kingdom**

**30 July 2007**

This independent assurance statement gives no assurance on the maintenance and integrity of Tube Lines' website, including controls used to achieve this, and in particular whether any changes may have occurred to the information since first published. These matters are the responsibility of the directors but no control procedures can provide absolute assurance in this area.

\* The different levels of assurance engagement are defined in the International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 (ISAE 3000) issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. Reasonable assurance is similar to the audit of financial statements; limited assurance is similar to the review of a six-monthly interim financial report.