

## **Abbott Laboratories Greenhouse Gas Data - Verification Statement**

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Environmental Resources Management, Inc. (ERM) was commissioned by Abbott Laboratories (Abbott) to provide third party verification of their direct and indirect greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions for 2006 for the purposes of corporate reporting.

ERM has had no involvement in defining the data to be collected or the process of data collection.

### Nature and Scope of Verification

The verification process focused on environmental data for energy consumption from stationary and mobile sources (e.g., purchased electricity, natural gas, coal, fuel oil, purchased steam), and the calculated associated CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from combustion, purchased energy, refrigerants, aviation fleet, business travel, and shuttle buses.

The data verification followed the verification guidelines contained in the Greenhouse Gas Protocol, published by the World Resources Institute. The verification activities included a review of the corporate dataset and two facility visits to review facility data recording and reporting processes. The verification activities were performed in June and July, 2007.

The 2006 corporate dataset, which calculated global GHG emissions, contained no material errors (i.e., no errors that would represent greater than 5% variation of a single Business Unit's total for emissions or 1% variation of Abbott's total emissions).

### Observations and Recommendations

ERM noted that the data collection at the Business Unit level was robust and well documented and could be clearly traced back to the source data.

ERM recommended that Abbott consider a number of changes to the data collection process to further improve future datasets.

### Verification Statement

While some discrepancies were noted during verification, these were not assessed to be material. ERM has a high degree of confidence that the data collection process yielded accurate emissions calculations for the purposes of corporate reporting.



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