

## Ere-S: Leaders in sustainability consulting

Established in 2008, Ere-S specialises in sustainability consulting services in Singapore and throughout South-East Asia. We take great pride in the quality and longevity of our client relationships – placing special emphasis on understanding their businesses, values, and the environments within which they are working.



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# Sustainability Report Assurance

As a part of our assurance engagement, we provide clients with comprehensive recommendations of future risks and opportunities, detailed content, and guidance in the management processes on ESG issues - ensuring reporting is precisely targeted and strategically focussed.

Additionally, we provide the following sustainability services:

- Sustainability reporting
- Materiality assessment and stakeholder engagement
- Report content gap analysis (GRI)
  - Human rights impact assessment
  - Sustainability training

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The Ere-S logo, featuring the word 'Ere-S' in a bold, sans-serif font. The 'Ere' is in dark blue and the 'S' is in green. A stylized blue and white graphic element is positioned behind the 'E'.

Embracing the new era of sustainability

## The importance of assurance

Stakeholders today expect companies to provide truthful and clear disclosure on their non-financial performance covering the whole value chain.

As requirements for transparency increase, independent external assurance (or verification) becomes an essential tool for companies to increase confidence in the reliability of their sustainability report and mitigate reputational risks. Assurance also helps reinforce internal sustainability data-management systems.



Ere-S is a leader in sustainability report assurance in South-East Asia.



We have considerable experience in assuring reports for some of the largest corporations in the region.



All engagements are supervised by a certified Sustainability Assurance Practitioner.

## Getting the most from Assurance

Ere-S's assurance methodology is based on the most widely accepted global standards, including AA1000AS, ISAE 3000 and GRI. We provide reporting assessment at different levels, tailored to meet clients' requirements.

Ere-S has built a strong reputation based on the integrity of our professional approach and our specialist expertise in the complex areas of sustainability and assurance. We offer highly personalised and targeted assurance services, following a stringent set of criteria with clear engagement guidelines.

## How independent assurance adds value

Independent assurance improves the quality, credibility and impact of a company's sustainability disclosure.

- It confirms the organisation's commitment to Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) principles and performance in an impartial manner.
- It ensures the accuracy, reliability and completeness of the information disclosed.
- It improves the coherence and relevance of the report's content.
- It evaluates systems, policies and procedures for further improvement.
- It provides a detailed assessment of the report's strengths and weaknesses.

## The Ere-S approach to assurance

### Levels of assurance

For the initial engagement, we recommend a moderate level of assurance, with data verification at management level to confirm the accuracy of the report's content and the strength of the sustainability process. Alternatively, we can run high-level assurance, through in-depth sampling across all levels, and the assessment of multi-stakeholder response throughout the organisation.

### Step 1. Preparation

Ere-S develops an assurance protocol and interview checklist customised to the organisation and its specific reporting needs, such as scope of assurance, work plan and deliverables.

### Step 2. Interviews and verification

A thorough assessment is carried out on the information collected from the respective data owners and stakeholders. This process includes interviews, documentation review, and

evaluation of evidence against the agreed criteria, such as GRI quality criteria and AA1000 core principles.

### Step 3. Findings and recommendations

Feedback is provided to make the necessary corrections and improvements. Recommendations are based on international frameworks and industry-specific best practices and benefit from our team's depth of specialist knowledge in the latest trends and issues in sustainability reporting.

### Step 4. Assessment statement

Upon successful verification, an Assurance Statement is provided - certifying the level of confidence in a report. In addition, a comprehensive internal report is separately submitted to help further improve the sustainability framework and future reporting exercises.

Additional information can be found at [www.ere-s.com/assurance](http://www.ere-s.com/assurance)