

Directions on the use of IRQS logo or marks in respect of validation and verification of client environmental statements or other claims

- IRQS undertakes validation and verification services for environmental statements or similar claims made by its clients who have contracted its services for the same. Such claims undergo validation and/or verification by IRQS and corresponding validation / verification statements are issued to clients. The following guidelines are applicable for references to findings, conclusions, reports and opinions expressed by IRQS in respect of these statements or claims and also to the use of IRQS certification marks or its logo.
- Any use of a short form reference will also include or make reference to a long form reference, e.g.

When the subject matter of the claim is	A Short form reference like (below)	Would also be accompanied or made reference to a Long form reference such as (below)
Historical in nature	“Verified at the reasonable level of assurance”	“In its opinion dated 20xx-xx-xx, IRQS concluded with reasonable assurance that the data and information in our statement were fairly stated.”
Historical in nature	“Verified at the limited level of assurance”	“In its opinion dated 20xx-xx-xx, IRQS found no evidence to indicate that the data and information in our statement were not fairly stated.”
Projected or forecast	“Validated”	“In its opinion dated 20xx-xx-xx, IRQS stated that it had not found any evidence to indicate that the assumptions, methods and limitations that we cited in our statement did not provide a reasonable basis for our projections or forecasts.”

- IRQS rules regarding the use of its certification marks or logo require its client or responsible party for the environmental claim validated /verified, does not use the mark or logo in such a manner as to imply that the environmental statement not subjected to validation or verification appear as though it has been validated or verified. Such a use of the mark or logo would amount to misleading or false impression among the intended user of the statement and is to be strictly avoided. When in doubt, the client or responsible party is required to get in touch with IRQS as to what would be the acceptable or unacceptable use of the IRQS mark or logo and the onus of responsibility has been placed upon the client/responsible party.

