



**Report issued by the Audit Committee on the independence of the Auditor of Applus Services, S.A. during year 2022.**

## **I. Introduction**

This report on the independence of the auditor is drafted by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of Applus Services, S.A. (hereinafter, "**Applus**" or the "**Company**") at its meeting held on 22 February 2023, in compliance with section 4(f) of article 529 quaterdecies of the Spanish Companies Act and article 38.7.c (iii) of the Regulations of the Board of Directors of Applus (the "**Board Regulations**").

The General Shareholders' Meeting of the Company held on 28 June 2022 agreed, as proposed by the Board of Directors and, in turn, previously proposed by the Audit Committee, to reelect Deloitte, S.L. (hereinafter, the "**Auditor**") as auditor of the Company and its consolidated group for the year 2022.

## **II. Analysis on the independence of the Auditor**

1. Communication with the Auditor. During the course of its activities, the Audit Committee has maintained in year 2022 the appropriate relations with the Auditor in order to receive information about issues that may imply a risk to its independence or any other issues relating to the audit process, as well as those other communications provided for in the applicable legislation on account auditing and standard audit techniques.

In this regard, the Committee has (i) held several meetings with the Auditor, from which it received punctual and detailed information regarding the auditing services and those non-audit services provided to the Company and its group of companies, in accordance with article 38.7.c of the Board Regulations and the regulations governing the auditing of accounts, and (ii) has received four letters from the Auditor informing of the situations that could jeopardise its independence and the corresponding individual analysis of each of them, concluding that there was no risk of lack of independence, in accordance with the provisions of Spanish Royal Decree 2/2021, of 12 January, approving the Regulations implementing Law 22/2015.

2. Services provided by the Auditor. The breakdown of the services provided by the Auditor to the Company during the financial year 2022 is as follows (figures expressed in thousands of euros):

<b>Concept</b>	<b>Fees (thousands of euros)</b>
Audit services	2,152
Other verification services	113
Fiscal services	190
Other services	15
<b>Total professional services provided to the Company</b>	<b>2,470</b>

The total amount of services provided by the Auditor to the Company or its consolidated group during the financial year 2022 amounts to 2,470 thousand euros, from which 318 thousand relate to non-audit services. These amounts are not significant in comparison

with the total annual income of the Auditor, considering the average of such annual income for the last 3 years published by the Auditor.

None of the aforementioned non-audit services are included in the prohibited services provided for in Law 22/2015, of 20 July, on Account Auditing (“*Ley 22/2015, de 20 de julio, de Auditoría de Cuentas*”), and the appointment of the Auditor was based exclusively on its ability to provide an efficient audit and for submitting reasonable offers at adequate prices in relation to the market, in addition to its significant knowledge of the Company, which ensures a total customization of the services to the Company’s circumstances. The Audit Committee considers that the provision of audit services by the Auditor was not influenced or determined by the provision of non-audit services.

3. Statement of independence issued by the Auditor itself. The Audit Committee confirms having received from the Auditor (i) written confirmation of its independence from the Company and its group of companies, as well as (ii) information about additional services of whatever class, on an individual basis and jointly considered, provided to the Applus group by the Auditor or by any related person or entity, in accordance with the provisions established in Law 22/2015, and (iii) confirmation that no circumstances have been identified that, individually or as a whole, could imply a significant threat to its independence and that, therefore, would require the implementation of safeguards measures or that could involve incompatibly causes.

### **III. Conclusion**

The Audit Committee considers that, during year 2022, the Auditor has independently performed its services as the following elements have met:

- (i) In the information obtained through the aforementioned channels of communication, the Audit Committee has not identified any aspect that questions the compliance with the applicable audit laws regarding the independence of the Auditor and, in particular, it has not identified aspects of such nature related to the provision of non-audit services, whether considered individually or together;
- (ii) The fees are not influenced or determined by the provision of non-audit services, nor are they based in contingencies or conditions distinct from changes in circumstances that served as the base for the determination of fees, in accordance with the provisions of Law 22/2015;
- (iii) The fees for the audit and non-audit services provided do not constitute a significant percentage of the total annual income of the Auditor, considering the average for the last 3 years; and
- (iv) The Auditor has confirmed, in writing, that its independence is in accordance with the provisions in Law 22/2015 and in the Regulation (EU) No 537/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council, of 16 April 2014, on specific requirements regarding statutory audit of public-interest entities.

Based on the foregoing information, the Audit Committee concludes that there are no objective

reasons to question the independence of the auditor for year 2022.

In Madrid, on 22 February 2023