

# Fairphone sets goal to achieve Net Zero by 2045

**Amsterdam, the Netherlands, 6 September 2022** – Fairphone, the Dutch social enterprise building a market for ethical smartphones, has set the objective to reach Net Zero by 2045 (from a 2022 base year).

Fairphone has completed its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory for all scopes and, in line with the Science Based Targets initiative's (SBTi) target setting options for SMEs, has set a minimum reduction target of 46% by 2030 based on its 2019 emissions for scope 1 and 2. However, since Fairphone believes it can contribute beyond this target, it has set itself the more ambitious goal to reduce its Scope 1 and 2 emissions by 100% already by the end of 2022.

On top of that, Fairphone commits to reducing its GHG emissions for all scopes, including scope 3, which makes up the biggest chunk, to **Net Zero by 2045**. The company has set the following mid term goals:

- **60%** GHG emission intensity reduction for its business operations and downstream activities by 2030
- **100%** of Fairphone's tier 1 suppliers to have set Science Based Targets (SBTs) across their scope 1, 2, 3 by 2025 and **30%** of tier 2 suppliers to have set SBTs across their scope 1, 2, 3 by 2030.

These efforts should lead to a minimum of 90% reduction of Fairphone's GHG emissions covered by its targets for all scopes by 2045, and to reaching Net Zero by removing the left-over emissions (maximum 10%) with carbon removals (a specific type of offsets involving strategies like tree restoration, agricultural soil management or technological solutions like direct air capture).

Since Fairphone does not own its office or the production sites in which its products are manufactured, Fairphone does not have scope 1 emissions. Around 2% of Fairphone's emissions are related to scope 2, which is the energy consumption (electricity, heating) in Fairphone's office. 98% of Fairphone's emissions fall into scope 3 (indirect emissions a company is responsible for, up and down its value chain). Some of the hotspots in Fairphone's scope 3 emissions include purchased goods and services which includes the production of the products it designs, upstream transportation and distribution as well as use of sold products.

**Monique Lempers, Fairphone's Impact Innovation Director comments:** "At Fairphone, we want to motivate the electronics industry to act more responsibly by showing it's possible to produce phones that are fairer and better for the

environment. As well as our industry-leading example of long lasting design to bring down the CO2 footprint of our products, we have now also set ambitious CO2 reduction targets for our overall business in line with the 1.5 degree pathway of the Paris Agreement. On top of our scope 1 & 2 targets based on and approved by the SBTi for companies of our size - that only addressing 2% of our CO2 emissions - we have set ourselves a far higher ambition to reach Net Zero for all scopes (including the other 98% of our CO2 emissions!) by 2045. Not only is scope 3 the biggest chunk of our CO2 emissions, it is also the most difficult one to tackle, since most of it comes from our suppliers' performance over which we have limited leverage. However we want to take on that challenge, as at Fairphone we're committed to being part of the solution."

### **About Fairphone**

Fairphone is building a market for ethical phones and motivating the industry to act more responsibly. We design, produce and sell smartphones to uncover the supply chain behind our products, raise awareness for the most urgent issues, and prove that it's possible to do things differently. Together with our partners and collaborators, we're working to make caring for people and the planet a natural part of doing business.

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