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Verification Statement of the alignment of TriLinc Global, LLC with the Operating Principles for Impact Management

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#### Context

As mandated by TriLinc Global, LLC (TriLinc) in April 2023, Tameo Impact Fund Solutions SA (Tameo) conducted an independent assessment of TriLinc's alignment with the Operating Principles for Impact Management (the Impact Principles) based on the Disclosure Statement published by TriLinc in April 2023. The Disclosure Statement applies to the following funds and covers approximately USD 509 million of its assets under management, as of December 2022:

- TriLinc Global Impact Fund, LLC
- TriLinc Global Sustainable Income Fund, LLC
- TriLinc Global Impact Fund II, LLC
- TriLinc Global Sustainable Income Fund II, LLC

In compliance with Principle 9 of the Impact Principles, Tameo is independently verifying the alignment of the impact management system of TriLinc with the Impact Principles. The assessment was performed using Tameo's proprietary verification methodology and knowledge of best practices in impact measurement and management in the impact investing industry. It consisted of a detailed evaluation of TriLinc's impact management practices, investment strategy, policies, and procedures.

TriLinc is responsible for the definition and implementation of policies ensuring their alignment with the Impact Principles. TriLinc is also responsible for publicly disclosing, on an annual basis, the alignment of its impact management systems with the Impact Principles.

### **Verification Process**

Tameo conducted the verification using the following approach:

- Revision of the Disclosure Statement.
- Revision of the corporate documents, policies, procedures, and investment strategy, assessing all components related to impact management. Examples of the documents include the TriLinc Impact Management System (IMS) Handbook, the Environmental, Social, and Governance Management System (ESGMS) Handbook, the 2022 Private Debt Plus® Sustainability and Impact Report, among others.
- 3. Three interviews with TriLinc's staff: an interview with the ESG & Impact Manager overseeing the implementation of TriLinc's ESG and impact policies and procedures, and interviews with two senior staff members (Chief Investment Officer and Chief Executive Officer).
- 4. Analysis of two transactions' documentation, reviewing the process from due diligence to the investment committee.
- 5. Assessment of TriLinc's alignment with each of the Impact Principles based on the above steps and using our proprietary verification methodology.
- 6. Submission of the results of Tameo's assessment and recommendations for improvement in a dedicated report to TriLinc's attention.

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#### Conclusions

Based on the assessment conducted and documents received from TriLinc, we believe that the impact management system and processes of TriLinc regarding the four funds are in alignment with the Impact Principles for the USD 509 million of Covered Assets under management as of December 2022.

TriLinc implements ESG and impact-related processes that are consistent with its investment strategy and integrates impact considerations throughout the investment lifecycle and in its decision-making processes.

Tameo's assessment is based on publicly available information, as well as material provided by TriLinc. Tameo is not responsible for the accuracy or completeness of any such information provided by TriLinc. Tameo's work does not include a verification of the actual impacts achieved or the accuracy of the impact performance reported by TriLinc. The results of Tameo's assessment represent the professional judgement of Tameo's team based on its knowledge and experience.

### **About Tameo**

Tameo is a Swiss impact investing specialist serving the financial industry with independent expert solutions. Tameo guides investment funds, managers, and investors through the entire impact investing journey. It offers the most comprehensive online database of impact funds, customized analyses, and independent valuations. Through its research and advisory services, Tameo empowers clients to move towards best-in-class impact measurement & management.

The Impact team responsible for conducting the verification has expertise in impact measurement and management and extensive knowledge of the industry's standards and best practices. The team is composed of one Managing Partner and two analysts.