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Highlights of Auditing and Assurance Standards Committee Meeting on 20 October 2023

The Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants (ISCA) Auditing and Assurance Standards Committee (AASC or Committee) met on 20 October 2023. The following are highlights of the meeting:

1. Update to Audit Guidance Statement (AGS) 1 Appendix 5B

The Committee was updated that the AGS 1 Sub-Committee is working on the revised report in connection with the Economic Development Board's tax incentive schemes, incorporating additional procedures relating to new reporting requirements.

2. <u>IAASB Exposure Draft on Proposed ISSA 5000 General Requirements for Sustainability Assurance Engagements</u>

The Committee was updated on the formation of the AASC-SCCC Sustainability Working Group, a joint working group formed by the AASC and Sustainability and Climate Change Committee (SCCC) with the objective of supporting the implementation of sustainability assurance in Singapore. As a start, the working group would be looking into responding to the exposure draft of proposed ISSA 5000.

The Committee was updated on the outreach activities undertaken to solicit feedback on the exposure draft and key comments shared by working group members during the first working group meeting held on 12 October 2023. The Committee also discussed and provided its feedback on key questions to the exposure draft.

3. Update to Audit Bulletin (AB) 3 Implementation of Quality Management Standards

The Committee discussed an FAQ to be added to AB 3 to clarify on the requirements over engagement quality review for audits of public interest entities.

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