

Highlights of Auditing and Assurance Standards Committee Meeting on 13 April 2023

The Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants (ISCA) Auditing and Assurance Standards Committee (AASC or Committee) met on 13 April 2023. The following are highlights of the meeting:

1. Adoption of ISA 600 (Revised)

SSA 600 (Revised) *Special Considerations – Audits of Group Financial Statements (Including the Work of Component Auditors)* was issued on 6 March 2023 after the approval from ISCA Council and the Public Accountants Oversight Committee (PAOC).

Activities to support the profession in implementation include developing a guidance to raise awareness of the significant changes in the revised standard and address implementation challenges, reviewing Audit Guidance Statement (AGS) 12 *Group Audits - Inaccessibility of Component Auditors' Work Papers and Other Considerations* for any updates required in the context of the revised standard, as well as conducting a webinar to update the profession on the significant changes.

2. IAASB Exposure Draft on Proposed ISA 500 (Revised) *Audit Evidence*

The comment letter was circulated to the Committee for approval on 10 April 2023 and submitted to the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB) on 19 April 2023.

3. IAASB Proposed Strategy and Work Plan for 2024 – 2027

The comment letter was submitted to the IAASB on 11 April 2023.

4. AASC Report 2022/2023

The Committee approved the AASC Report for the committee term May 2022 – April 2023. Subsequent to ISCA Council's approval, the report will be submitted for the PAOC's information.

5. Draft Audit Bulletin 5: *Non-Consolidation of Subsidiaries – Considerations for the Auditor's Report*

The Committee discussed the draft audit bulletin on considerations for the auditor's report in the event of non-consolidation of subsidiaries.

6. IAASB Exposure Draft on Proposed Part 10, Audits of Group Financial Statements of the Proposed ISA for LCE

The Committee discussed the exposure draft on the proposed Part 10 of the ISA for Less Complex Entities (LCE) in relation to audits of group financial statements.

7. Update of ISCA Auditing and Assurance Pronouncements Arising from SFRS(I) 1–1 and FRS 1

Singapore Financial Reporting Standard (International) (SFRS(I)) 1–1 and Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 1 *Presentation of Financial Statements* were updated to require companies to disclose their material accounting policy information instead of significant accounting policies.

The Committee approved the issuance of the updated Auditing and Assurance Pronouncements and Guidance to be aligned to the updated financial reporting standards. Approval from ISCA Council and PAOC would be sought on the issuance.

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