



Auditing and Assurance Standards Committee
Meeting Summary – March 2008

The Auditing and Assurance Standards Committee (Committee) met on 25 March 2008.

Members present at the meeting were: Keith Pogson (Chairman), Wilfred Wong (Deputy Chairman), William Crowe (Deputy Chairman), Derek Broadley, Stephen Chan, Colin Chau, John Chong, Charles Grieve, Fanny Hsiang, Barry Ip, Lucia Li, Thomas Wong, Raymond Wong and Cecilia Yam.

Secretariat staff present at the meeting were: Steve Ong, Selene Ho, Florence Wong, Winnie Chan and Ben Lo.

The following agenda items were discussed:

1. Draft submissions to the IAASB Exposure Drafts on ISA 501, ISA 520, ISA 210 and ISA 710
2. Progress report on referral from The Law Society of Hong Kong on proposed amendments to the Accountant's Report Rules
3. Amendments to HKSRE 2400 and HKSRE 2410

1. **Draft submissions to the IAASB Exposure Drafts on ISA 501, ISA 520, ISA 210 and ISA 710**

The Committee considered the draft submissions to the IAASB Exposure Drafts prepared by the secretariat on:

- (a) ISA 501 (Redrafted) *Audit Evidence Regarding Specific Financial Statement Account Balances and Disclosures*;
- (b) ISA 520 (Redrafted) *Analytical Procedures*;
- (c) ISA 210 (Redrafted) *Agreeing the Terms of Audit Engagements*; and
- (d) ISA 710 (Redrafted) *Comparative Information – Corresponding Figures and Comparative Financial Statements*.

The Committee considered the draft submissions and requested the secretariat to revise the submissions taking into account the comments made at the meeting and subject to further comments to be received by the secretariat. The revised submissions would be endorsed by the Committee by circulation.

2. **Progress report on referral from The Law Society of Hong Kong on proposed amendments to the Accountant's Report Rules**

The Committee noted that the Working Group had met on 12 March 2008 to discuss the proposed amendments and a draft letter had been prepared for submission to The Law Society outlining the key concerns. The Committee agreed that the secretariat would follow up on the developments with The Law Society and update the Committee on a regular basis, when appropriate.

3. Amendments to HKSRE 2400 and HKSRE 2410

The Committee considered a matter raised by a member firm on whether early adoption would be allowed for the amendments to HKSRE 2400 *Engagements to Review Financial Statements* and HKSRE 2410 *Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity*.

The Committee endorsed the secretariat's view that as the standards already stated that early adoption would be permissible, auditors would also be able to early adopt the proposed amendments.

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