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Our Ref.: C/AASC

International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board  
529 Fifth Avenue, 6th Floor  
New York, 10017  
USA

Dear Sirs,

***IAASB's Exposure Draft on Proposed ISA 810 (Revised), Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements***

The Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants is the only statutory licensing body of accountants in Hong Kong responsible for the professional training, development and regulation of the accountancy profession. The HKICPA sets auditing and assurance standards, ethical standards and financial reporting standards in Hong Kong.

Though the proposed ISA 810 does not contain all the enhancements from ISA 700 (Revised) such as the statement about independence and other relevant ethical responsibilities or the disclosure of the name of the engagement partner of listed entities, we agree with the IAASB's approach to revising proposed ISA 810.

The form and contents of the summary financial statements are set out in the Companies (Summary Financial Reports) Regulation ("Regulation"). The Regulation requires that the auditor forms an opinion as to whether the summary financial report is consistent with the relevant financial documents/reporting documents from which it is derived and whether it complies with the requirements of relevant legislation. The auditor is required to state whether in his/ her opinion the summary financial report is consistent with the annual financial statements, directors' report and auditor's report, and whether the auditor's report concerned is qualified or otherwise modified.

Upon finalization of the proposed ISA 810, we would supplement it with local guidance to reflect the requirements set out in the Regulation.

Whilst the HKICPA does not keep statistics as to the frequency and types of engagements carried out by its practicing members, the feedback received from our major practitioners indicate that it is not common for companies in Hong Kong to issue summary financial statements.

Responses to the specific questions in the ED are included in the attachment.



We trust that our comments are of assistance to you. If you require any clarification on our comments, please contact Ms. Selene Ho at [selene@hkicpa.org.hk](mailto:selene@hkicpa.org.hk).

Yours faithfully,

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**ATTACHMENT**

**HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS' COMMENTS ON  
THE IAASB'S EXPOSURE DRAFT ON PROPOSED ISA 810 (REVISED)  
ENGAGEMENTS TO REPORT ON SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Specific comments**

- 1. Whether respondents agree with the manner in which paragraph 17 has been changed to address reference to additional information that may be included in the auditor's report on the audited financial statements, as well as the additional guidance proposed in paragraph A15 and Illustration 1 of the Appendix to proposed ISA 810 (Revised).**

In principle, we support the proposed amendments to paragraph 17, A15 and Illustration 1.

It would be useful to include the guidance in footnote 1 of Illustration 1 under the Application and Other Explanatory Material section. In addition, the IAASB could also consider clarifying in Illustration 1 (by way of footnote) that in the circumstances where there is no material uncertainty related to going concern, the word "other" in the statement for the communication of key audit matters would not be necessary.

- 2. Whether respondents believe any further changes to ISA 810 are necessary as a result of the new and revised Auditor Reporting Standards. If so, the IAASB would like to understand respondents' rationale as to why these further changes are needed as well as views as to when the Board should develop and propose such changes in light of its other priorities.**

It would be useful if the IAASB could develop example wording for uncorrected material misstatement of other information for inclusion in the auditor's report on summary financial statements given the ISA 720 (Revised) is one of the key revised standard and a new requirement under paragraph 17(i).

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