

Meeting: IAASB
Meeting Location: Malta
Meeting Date: September 20-24, 2010

Agenda Item

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Engagements to Review Historical Financial Statements

Objective of Agenda Item

1. To consider significant issues in the revision of ISRE 2400,¹ in respect of the practitioner's objectives in a review of financial statements and the procedures to be performed.

Task Force

2. Members:

- Phil Cowperthwaite, Chair, IAASB Member
- Dianne Azoor-Hughes, Pitcher Partners, Australia
- Craig Crawford, IAASB Member (assisted by Sylvia Smith, former IAASB Technical Advisor)
- Josef Ferlings, IAASB Member (assisted by Wolf Böhm, IAASB Technical Advisor)
- Ashif Kassam, IAASB Member
- Josephine Jackson, IAASB Technical Advisor

Correspondent members:

- Michael Gewehr, Institut Der Wirtschaftsprüfer, Germany (assisted by Wolf Böhm)
- Jo Iwasaki, Assurance, Audit and Assurance Faculty of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales
- Carolyn McNerney, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) Accounting and Review Services Committee (assisted by Mike Glynn, AICPA)
- Isabelle Sapet, Member of International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants

¹ International Standard on Related Services (ISRS) 4410, *Engagements to Compile Financial Historical Financial Information*

Background

3. The project proposal was approved at the March 2009 IAASB meeting. The IAASB considered an Issues Paper on scope and directional issues for the project at its June 2009 meeting. Issues Papers on technical aspects of revision of ISRE 2400 were considered at the September 2009 and March 2010 IAASB meetings. At its June 2010 meeting, the IAASB considered significant issues in the revision of the ISRE and a first read of the draft revised ISRE. The Task Force also received comments from the IFAC Small and Medium Practices Committee (SMPC) at the SMPC's meeting in June 2010.
4. The Task Force presented revised practitioner's objectives in an engagement to review financial statements for the IAASB's consideration at its meeting held by teleconference in July 2010.

Activities since Last IAASB Discussions

5. In July 2010 members of the Task Force participated in a roundtable discussion arranged by the Consultative Committee of Accountancy Bodies in the United Kingdom, to obtain view from UK stakeholders on this project and on some of the key issues arising to date.
6. The Task Force held face-to-face meetings in June, July and August 2010, and further teleconference meetings throughout that period, to consider the comments received in developing the draft revised ISRE 2400. The Task Force also held two calls with the IAASB CAG Working Group for this project, to advise it of developments concerning the project.
7. The Task Force will receive comments from Representatives of the IAASB Consultative Advisory Group (CAG) at the September 2010 meeting of the IAASB CAG.

Material Presented

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| Agenda Item 4-A | Engagements to Review Historical Financial Statements – Issues and IAASB Task Force Proposals dated September 2010 |
| Agenda Item 4-B | Current working draft of revised ISRE 2400 dated September 2010 (updated from June 2010) (Provided for reference only) |

Action Requested

8. The IAASB is asked to consider and comment on the issues presented in **Agenda Item 4-A**.