

Meeting: IAASB
Meeting Location: New York
Meeting Date: December 10-14, 2012

Agenda Item

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Auditing Disclosures

Objective of Agenda Item

1. To obtain the IAASB's views on the Task Force's analysis of the issues raised in the responses to the Discussion Paper (DP), [The Evolving Nature of Financial Reporting: Disclosures and its Audit Implications](#) and the specific areas in the International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) that the Task Force has identified for further consideration.

Task Force

2. The Task Force comprises:
 - Arch Archambault, Chair, IAASB Member
 - Cédric Gélard, IAASB Member
 - Tomokazu Sekiguchi, IAASB Member
 - Bruce Winter, IAASB Member
 - Marek Grabowski, IAASB Technical Advisor

Activities since Last IAASB Discussion

3. Since approval of the project proposal in September 2012, the Task Force has had one physical meeting and held two teleconferences to deliberate the issues to be presented to the IAASB, including the analysis of areas for further consideration.

Background

4. As part of the way forward, and resulting from the work on the Feedback Statement to summarize respondents views from the DP, the IAASB identified steps to further progress the good start already made on this initiative, including:
 - Collaboration and cooperation with relevant stakeholders actively engaged in this area (in particular the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB));
 - Further deliberations on the issues that should be addressed in response to the comments received; and
 - Using any relevant comments to help inform other IAASB projects and initiatives.

5. A project on the Audit Implications of Disclosures was approved in September 2012, with the following objectives:
- (i) To determine whether revisions (in the form of new or revised requirements, or additional application material) to the ISAs with respect to auditing disclosures are required and, if so, develop such revisions.
 - (ii) To consider how such revisions should be presented, for example within the relevant ISAs or in a separate ISA.
 - (iii) To determine whether other types of non-authoritative guidance, such as an International Auditing Practice Note (IAPN) or Staff Questions and Answers (Staff Q&A) publication should be developed and, if so, develop the content of such a publication.
- The above objectives are not mutually exclusive, and deliberations on each will inform the overall project.
6. The Task Force is in the process of determining the specific project milestones and outputs, and the priorities assigned to those matters, which will be presented to the IAASB in April 2013. As part of this process, it was agreed that the project timetable would include a discussion with the IAASB in December 2012 of the issues identified, to further inform the Task Force's deliberations for the proposals to be presented in April 2013.

Materials Presented

Agenda Item 3-A	Auditing Disclosures – Issues and Task Force Recommendations
Agenda Item 3-B	Auditing Disclosures – Task Force Analysis of Issues and Related ISA Requirements
Agenda Item 3-C	IAASB Disclosures <i>Feedback Statement</i> (for reference)

Action Requested

7. The IAASB is asked to consider the issues in **Agenda Item 3-A**, to provide views to assist the Task Force with determining the specific milestones and outputs for the project to be presented to the IAASB in April 2013.