



**Meeting:** IAASB  
**Meeting Location:** New York  
**Meeting Date:** December 9–13, 2013

## Agenda Item

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### The Auditor's Responsibilities Relating to Other Information—ISA 720

#### Objective of Agenda Item

1. To obtain the IAASB's views on the proposed revised ISA 720 (Revised).<sup>1</sup>

#### Task Force

2. Full members:
  - Cédric Gélard, Chair, IAASB Member (supported by Isabelle Tracq-Sengeissen, IAASB Technical Advisor)
  - John (Arch) Archambault, IAASB Member
  - Valdir Coscodai, IAASB Member
  - Marek Grabowski, IAASB Technical Advisor
  - Susan Jones, IAASB Technical Advisor
  - Caithlin McCabe, IAASB Member

#### Activities since Last IAASB Discussion

3. The Task Force met physically twice and several times via teleconference to consider comments received at the September 2013 IAASB and IAASB CAG meetings. As part of its efforts in developing the revisions to the proposed ISA, the Task Force further considered the PCAOB's recent proposals on other information. The Task Force also sought informal feedback about the clarity of the Task Force's proposals from an implementation point of view.

#### Matters for Noting

4. Subject to IAASB deliberations, the Task Force believes that most aspects of the proposed revised ISA are close to finalization. Nevertheless, the Task Force acknowledges that some of the terminology proposed in the revised draft has similarity to that included in the proposals of the PCAOB. The Task Force therefore believes it would be appropriate to obtain an understanding of the responses to those proposals before requesting that the IAASB vote on a final revised ISA 720.
5. The Task Force also acknowledges that a significant recommendation from respondents on the exposure draft of proposed ISA 720 (Revised) was for greater clarity around the auditor's work effort on other information, particularly in relation to other information not directly related to the

<sup>1</sup> ISA 720 (Revised), *The Auditor's Responsibilities Relating to Other Information*

audited financial statements. The Task Force therefore seeks the further input of the Board before presenting final proposals for voting.

**Material Presented\***

Agenda Item 2-A	Proposed ISA 720—Issues and IAASB Task Force Proposals
Agenda Item 2-B	Proposed ISA 720 (Revised) – Clean
Agenda Item 2-C	Proposed ISA 720 (Revised) – Marked from September 2013

\* The Task Force will be referencing **Agenda Item 2-B** when discussing the proposed revised ISA 720. The IAASB is asked to note that, due to restructuring of elements of the application material, the paragraphs have been renumbered to improve readability.

**Action Requested**

6. The IAASB is asked to consider the Task Force proposals presented in **Agenda Items 2-A** and **2-B**. If concerns are identified with aspects of the Task Force's proposals, the Task Force would benefit from suggestions by the Board that may assist in resolving such concerns.
7. Subject to IAASB deliberations, the Task Force intends to present a final ISA 720 (Revised) for approval at the March 2014 IAASB meeting.