Agenda Item

The Audit of Group Financial Statements

Objectives of Agenda Item
1. To review and approve an exposure draft of a proposed revised ISA 600, “The Work of Related Auditors and Other Auditors in the Audit of Group Financial Statements.”

2. To review and approve an exposure draft of a proposed IAPS on “The Audit of Group Financial Statements.”

3. To review a proposed explanatory memorandum to accompany the above exposure drafts.

Task Force
The members of the task force are as follows:

Suresh Kana (Chair)
John Fogarty
Jan Bo Hansen
Gen Ikegami
Zhiguo Yang
Ian Plaistowe

Activities Since Last IAASB Discussions

TASK FORCE’S DELIBERATION OF IAASB COMMENTS
The task force met on November 3-4, 2003 and had two telephone conferences since the last IAASB meeting. The task force is of the opinion that the proposed revised ISA 600 and the IAPS reflect its consideration of the comments received from the IAASB in October 2003.

IAASB CONSULTATIVE ADVISORY GROUP
The October 2003 IAASB meeting material was made available to CAG and an update of the outcome of the deliberations at the October 2003 IAASB meeting was provided at the November 6-7, 2003 CAG meeting. The relevant section of the proposed minutes of the CAG meeting is included as Agenda Paper N-F.
**Timetable for Completion of Project**

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**Material Presented**

**FOR DISCUSSION AT THE IAASB MEETING**

- **Agenda Paper 4-A** (Pages 1947-1954)
  - Proposed revised ISA 600, “The Work of Related Auditors and Other Auditors in the Audit of Group Financial Statements”

- **Agenda Paper 4-B** (Pages 1955-1984)
  - Proposed IAPS on “The Audit of Group Financial Statements”

- **Agenda Paper 4-C** (Pages 1985-1988)
  - Proposed Explanatory Memorandum

- **Agenda Paper 4-D** (Pages 1989-1990)
  - “The Audit of Group Financial Statements” section of the proposed November 6-7, 2003 CAG meeting minutes (outstanding)

**FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

- **Agenda Paper 4-E** (Pages 1991-2030)
  - Proposed IAPS considered at the October 2003 IAASB meeting, showing changes based on the task force’s deliberations of the IAASB’s comments

- **Agenda Paper 4-F** (Pages 2031-2042)
  - Proposed revised ISA 600, showing the changes processed to the extant ISA 600

**Action Requested**

1. The IAASB is asked to review the proposed revised ISA 600 and the proposed IAPS for approval to be issued as exposure drafts.

2. The IAASB is asked to review the proposed explanatory memorandum to accompany the exposure drafts.