

**Meeting:** IAASB Consultative Advisory Group (CAG)

**Meeting Location:** New York, United States of America

**Meeting Dates:** March 5–6, 2019

## Agenda Item

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### **ISA 600, *Special Considerations—Audits of Group Financial Statements* (Including the Work of Component Auditors)**

#### **Objective of Agenda Item**

1. The objective of this agenda item is to update the Representatives on the work performed by the Group Audits Task Force (the Task Force) since the start of the project to revise ISA 600 and to obtain the Representatives' views on the Task Force's direction.

#### **Project Status and Timeline**

2. As the IAASB had a number of priority projects on its agenda, coupled with finite staff resources and Board capacity, the IAASB decided in September 2017 that the Task Force would focus its efforts on further liaison with the task forces responsible for revisions to ISQC 1,<sup>1</sup> ISA 220,<sup>2</sup> and ISA 315 (Revised)<sup>3</sup> before progressing the other aspects of the ISA 600 project any further (i.e., providing necessary input to assist in how issues relevant to group audits are addressed in the revisions to those standards).
3. Since September 2017, the Task Force has worked cooperatively with the Task Forces responsible for the revisions of ISQC 1, ISA 220 and ISA 315 (Revised) and provided input as those projects have progressed. This interaction enabled the Task Force to be well positioned to explore changes to ISA 600 that may be needed arising from the revisions to these foundational standards, and provide the additional context of the special considerations relevant to their application to group audits. In March 2019, the Task Force will update the Board on the work performed by the Task Force since the start of the project to revise ISA 600 and to obtain the Board's views on the Task Force's direction on certain identified issues.

#### *Project History*

4. **Appendix A** to this paper provides a history of previous discussions with the IAASB CAG and IAASB on ISA 600, including links to the relevant IAASB CAG documentation.

<sup>1</sup> International Standards on Quality Control (ISQC) 1, *Quality Control for Firms that Perform Audits and Reviews of Financial Statements and Other Assurance and Related Services Engagements*

<sup>2</sup> ISA 220, *Quality Control for an Audit of Financial Statements*

<sup>3</sup> ISA 315 (Revised), *Identifying and Assessing the Risks of Material Misstatement through Understanding the Entity and Its Environment*

## **Matters for IAASB CAG Consideration**

5. The Representatives are asked for their views on the matters included in **Agenda Item C.1**, including on the Task Force's observations and the proposed way forward.

## **Material Presented – IAASB CAG Papers**

**Agenda Item C.1**                      Issues paper

**Agenda Item C.2**                      Presentation— ISA 600 – Update and Issues

## **Material Presented – IAASB CAG Reference Paper**

**Agenda Item 2-A for the March 2019**                      [http://www.iaasb.org/system/files/meetings/files/20190311-IAASB\\_Agenda\\_Item\\_2A-ISA-600-Overview\\_of\\_Issues.pdf](http://www.iaasb.org/system/files/meetings/files/20190311-IAASB_Agenda_Item_2A-ISA-600-Overview_of_Issues.pdf)  
**IAASB Meeting – Overview of Issues**

## Appendix A

### Project History

#### Project: ISA 600

#### Summary

	IAASB CAG Meeting	IAASB Meeting
Project Commencement	March 2015 September 2015 September 2016	December 2014 March 2015 June 2015 September 2015 December 2015 June 2016 September 2016
Project Proposal	November 2016 Teleconference	December 2016
Discussion of issues	March 2017 September 2017	June 2017 September 2017 December 2017

#### IAASB CAG Discussions: Detailed References

Project Commencement	<p><u>March 2015</u> See IAASB CAG meeting material and CAG meeting minutes (Agenda Item B). <a href="http://www.ifac.org/meetings/new-york-usa-5">http://www.ifac.org/meetings/new-york-usa-5</a></p> <p><u>September 2015</u> See IAASB CAG meeting material and CAG meeting minutes (Agenda Item F). <a href="http://www.iaasb.org/cag/meetings/new-york-usa-0">http://www.iaasb.org/cag/meetings/new-york-usa-0</a></p> <p><u>September 2016</u> See IAASB CAG meeting material (Agenda Item G). <a href="http://www.iaasb.org/cag/meetings/new-york-usa">http://www.iaasb.org/cag/meetings/new-york-usa</a></p>
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Project Proposal	<p><u>November 2016</u></p> <p>See IAASB CAG meeting material (Agenda Item B).</p> <p><a href="http://www.iaasb.org/cag/meetings/iaasb-cag-conference-call-november-29-2016-730-am-1030-am-est">www.iaasb.org/cag/meetings/iaasb-cag-conference-call-november-29-2016-730-am-1030-am-est</a></p>
Issues Discussion	<p><u>March 2017</u></p> <p>See IAASB CAG meeting material (Agenda Item H).</p> <p><a href="http://www.iaasb.org/cag/meetings/iaasb-cag-meeting">http://www.iaasb.org/cag/meetings/iaasb-cag-meeting</a></p> <p><u>September 2017</u></p> <p>See IAASB CAG meeting material (Agenda Item G).</p> <p><a href="http://www.iaasb.org/cag/meetings/iaasb-cag-meeting-madrid-spain">http://www.iaasb.org/cag/meetings/iaasb-cag-meeting-madrid-spain</a></p>