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### **DECISION-MAKING** FRAMEWORK FOR KAM

Agenda Item 5(a).1 AUASB Meeting 15 September 2015

Matters that were communicated with those charged with governance (TCWG)

#### **Considerations**

- Areas of higher assessed risk [or significant risk requiring special auditor considerations]
- Significant auditor judgements relating to areas of significant management judgement
- Significant events or transactions

Matters that require significant auditor attention

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#### **Considerations**

- Nature and extent of communication with TCWG
- Importance to users' understanding of the financial report
- Nature and extent of audit effort
- Nature of underlying accounting policy, complexity or subjectivity
- Nature and materiality, quantitative and qualitative, of corrected and uncorrected misstatements
- Severity of any control deficiencies relevant to the matter
- Nature and severity of difficulties applying audit procedures, evaluating results of those procedures, and obtaining relevant and reliable evidence

**Key Audit Matters** 

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Matters of most significance in the audit

#### **Considerations**

- Whether adverse consequences to the entity or the public of communicating a KAM are viewed as so significant that they would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of communicating the matter
- Management views on why the matter has not been publically disclosed
- Laws or regulations that may impact communicating the matter, including any requirement for the auditor to communicate with regulatory, enforcement or supervisory authorities
- Relevant ethical requirements
- Need for legal advice

## **KEY AUDIT MATTERS** Communicated in the auditor's report

- **Reference** to the related disclosure (if any)
- ♦ Why the matter is considered to be a KAM
- ♦ How the matter was addressed in the audit
  - Aspects of the auditor's approach
  - Brief overview of procedures performed
  - Indication of the outcome of the auditor's procedures
  - Key observations with respect to the matter

Communicate or not? **DOCUMENT**