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PREFACE

Reasons for Issuing ASA 2012-1

The Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (AUASB) issues Auditing Standard ASA 2012-1 *Amending Standard to ASA 570 Going Concern*, pursuant to the requirements of the legislative provisions and the Strategic Direction explained below.

The AUASB is an independent statutory committee of the Australian Government established under section 227A of the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001*, as amended (ASIC Act). Under section 336 of the *Corporations Act 2001*, the AUASB may make Auditing Standards for the purposes of the corporations legislation. These Auditing Standards are legislative instruments under the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*.

Under the Strategic Direction given to the AUASB by the Financial Reporting Council (FRC), the AUASB is required, inter alia, to develop auditing standards that have a clear public interest focus and are of the highest quality.

Auditing Standard Amended by ASA 2012-1

This Auditing Standard makes amendments to Auditing Standard ASA 570 *Going Concern*.

Main Features

This Auditing Standard makes amendments to ASA 570 *Going Concern* comprising [Aus] Appendix 1 *Linking Going Concern Considerations and Types of Audit Opinions*.

The amendments are editorial improvements in nature and do not have an impact on the requirements of the Auditing Standard.

AUTHORITY STATEMENT

The Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (AUASB) makes this Auditing Standard ASA 2012-1 *Amending Standard to ASA 570 Going Concern*, pursuant to section 227B of the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001* and section 336 of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

Dated: 31 July 2012

M H Kelsall
Chairman - AUASB

AUDITING STANDARD ASA 2012-1

Amending Standard to ASA 570 Going Concern

Application

- Aus 0.1 This Auditing Standard applies to:
- (a) an audit of a financial report for a financial year, or an audit of a financial report for a half-year, in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*; and
 - (b) an audit of a financial report, or a complete set of financial statements, for any other purpose.
- Aus 0.2 This Auditing Standard also applies, as appropriate, to an audit of other historical financial information.

Operative Date

- Aus 0.3 This Auditing Standard is operative for financial reporting periods commencing on or after 1 July 2012.

Introduction

Scope of this Auditing Standard

1. This Auditing Standard makes amendments to [Aus] Appendix 1 of Australian Auditing Standard, *ASA 570 Going Concern*. The amendments arise from an AUASB decision to improve the content and layout of the diagram in [Aus] Appendix 1 *Linking Going Concern Considerations and Types of Audit Opinions* and have no impact on the requirements of ASA 570.

Objective

2. The objective of this Auditing Standard is to make amendments to *ASA 570 Going Concern*.

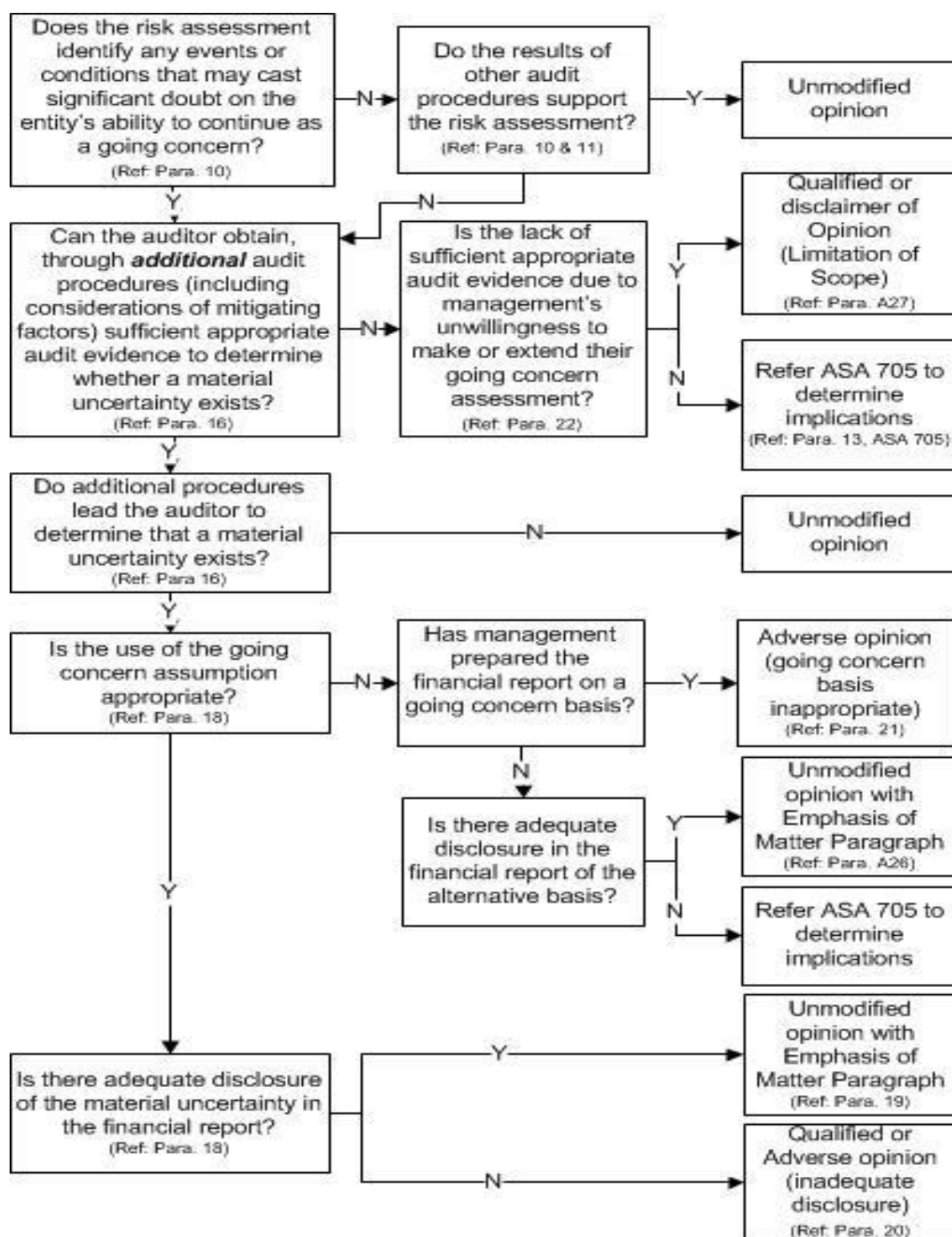
Definition

3. For the purposes of this Auditing Standard, the meanings of terms are set out in each Auditing Standard and in the *AUASB Glossary*. This Auditing Standard does not introduce new definitions.

Amendments to Auditing Standard

Amendments to ASA 570

4. The diagram contained in [Aus] Appendix 1 *Linking Going Concern Considerations and Types of Audit Opinions* is withdrawn and replaced with a new diagram as follows:



Note: Audit opinions referred to in this diagram must comply, as appropriate, with:
ASA 700 Forming an Opinion and Reporting on a Financial Report.
ASA 705 Modifications to the Opinion in the Independent Auditor's Report.
ASA 706 Emphasis of Matter Paragraphs and Other Matter Paragraphs in the Independent Auditor's Report.

Conformity with International Standards on Auditing

This Auditing Standard has been made for Australian legislative purposes and there is no equivalent International Standards on Auditing issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB), an independent standard-setting board of the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC).