



AUASB Board Meeting Summary Paper

AGENDA ITEM NO. **6**

Meeting Date: 7 April 2014

Subject: GS 003 Assurance Relating to Australian Financial Services Licences issued under the Corporations Act 2001

Date Prepared: 25 March 2014

Action Required

For Information Purposes Only

Agenda Item Objectives

To present the AUASB with a final draft of GS 003 Assurance Relating to Australian Financial Services Licences issued under the Corporations Act 2001 for approval.

Background

Since the 2007 revision there have been numerous legislative changes impacting AFS licensees and their auditors, these changes need to be reflected in a revised GS 003.

The staff with agreement of the AUASB determined that a PAG was not required for a revision of GS 003 owing to the anticipated amendments being largely legislative in nature. Instead it was agreed with the AUASB that the practitioner members of the AUASB would nominate a representative from their organisation to provide input into the drafting of the revised GS 003.

We have worked through all feedback from representatives which has been updated and incorporated (where appropriate) into the draft document as presented in Agenda Item 6.2.

On 11 April 2014, we held a teleconference with ASIC where we discussed our suggested amendments to ASIC form FS 71 and the materiality paragraphs of the draft GS 003. ASIC has our draft GS 003 and draft suggested amendments to form FS 71 and we are awaiting their feedback.

It is anticipated between now and early June 2014, that further collaboration will occur between the AUASB and representatives from ASIC on the drafting of an update to ASIC form FS 71 and the implications on the suggested wording on the materiality paragraphs in the draft GS 003.

Matters to Consider

Please refer to attachment 6.1 for matters to consider prior to approval of the draft GS 003 as provided at attachment 6.2.

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AUASB Technical Group Recommendations

It is recommended that the proposed guidance statement GS 003 be approved subject to the matters to be completed being finalised.

Material Presented

Agenda Item 6	AUASB Board Meeting Summary Paper
Agenda Item 6.1	Attachment to BMSP
Agenda Item 6.2	Confidential Draft GS 003 (Marked Up Version)
Agenda Item 6.3	Confidential Draft ASIC form FS 71 (Marked Up Version)
Agenda Item 6.4	Confidential Draft ASIC form FS 71 (Clean Version)

Action Required

No.	Action Item	Deliverable	Responsibility	Due Date	Status
1.	AUASB to read final draft GS 003.	AUASB to approve the issuance of GS 003 subject to matters to be completed being finalised.	AUASB	7 April 2014	
