



AUASB Board Meeting Summary Paper

AGENDA ITEM NO. **7(d)**

Meeting Date: 27 February 2012

Subject: IAASB Press Release re previously issued Going Concern Staff Alert

Date Prepared: 20 February 2012

Action Required

For Information Purposes Only

Agenda Item Objectives

To provide the AUASB a copy of the IAASB's press release related to the Staff Alert on Going Concern previously issued in 2009 and for the AUASB to consider updating the related AUASB Bulletin *Auditing Considerations in an Uncertain Economic Environment*" (issued April 2009).

Background

The IAASB issued Staff Alert in 2009 titled "*Audit Considerations in Respect of Going Concern in the Current Economic Environment*" [Agenda Item 7(d).2] based on pre-clarity Auditing Standards. In December 2011, the IAASB issued a press release [Agenda Item 7(d).1]

The AUASB issued a Bulletin titled "*Auditing Considerations in an Uncertain Economic Environment*" in April 2009 [Agenda Item 7(d).3], adapted from a Risk Alert issued in January 2009 by the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants, again based on pre-clarity Auditing Standards.

Matters to Consider

The AUASB is requested to consider the following options:

1. Issue a press release reminding practitioners of the continued applicability of the guidance in the AUASB Bulletin re auditing in uncertain economic environment (don't update the AUASB Bulletin); or

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2. Update the Bulletin (for Clarity Auditing Standards) and re-issue, together with a press release.

AUASB Technical Group Recommendations

It is recommended that option 2. above be approved.

Material Presented

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Agenda Item 7(d).1	IAASB Press Release (December 2011)
Agenda Item 7(d).2	IAASB Staff Alert (2009)
Agenda Item 7(d).3	AUASB Bulletin (April 2009)

Action Required

No.	Action Item	Deliverable	Responsibility	Due Date	Status
1.	AUASB to consider updating AUASB Bulletin	AUASB Board approval	AUASB	27 February 2012	O/S

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