

**Amendment Schedule  
Auditor Accreditation  
JSE Listings Requirements  
May 2023**

**Definitions**

audit firm	the partnership or incorporated company registered with the IRBA, or a similar regulatory or professional body for auditors in another jurisdiction, <del>and accredited as such on the JSE list of Auditors and their advisers</del>
auditor	includes the audit firm and the individual auditor assigned and/or appointed to perform <del>a statutory audit (audits or a review as required by paragraph 3.18)</del> <u>reviews of financial statements or other assurance engagements</u> of an applicant issuer
<del>IFRS adviser</del>	<del>an individual or group of individual(s) registered as such on the JSE list of Auditors and their advisers</del>
individual auditor	an individual registered with the IRBA or similar regulatory or professional body for auditors in another jurisdiction, who is a director or partner of an audit firm, <del>and is accredited as such on the JSE list of Auditors and their advisers</del> <u>appointed to the issuer</u>
<del>reporting accountant</del>	<del>an audit firm, registered with the IRBA and accredited as an audit firm and a reporting accountant on the JSE list of Auditors and their advisers and the individual accredited partner, responsible for preparing the work and issuing the reporting accountant's report, as described in paragraph 8.45 of the Listings Requirements</del>
<del>reporting accountant specialist</del>	<del>an individual registered with the IRBA, who is an employee, director or partner of that audit firm, and is registered as such on the JSE list of Auditors and their advisers. A reporting accountant specialist must also be accredited as an individual auditor for that audit firm on the JSE list of Auditors and their advisers</del>

## Section 1: Authority of the JSE

### General powers of the JSE

1.1 Subject to the provisions of the FMA, the JSE has the power:

- (a) ...
- (g) to prescribe, from time to time, the Listings Requirements with which sponsors, designated advisers, ~~auditors, IFRS advisers, reporting accountants, reporting accountant specialists~~ and depositories must comply.

1.4 If an applicant issuer, director, sponsor, designated adviser, ~~auditor, IFRS adviser, reporting accountant, reporting accountant specialist~~ and/or depository, in respect of whom a decision (other than a decision in respect of which a specific appeal or review procedure is prescribed in these Listings Requirements, the Rules of the JSE and the FMA or any replacement legislation) is taken under these Listings Requirements, objects to such decision, such person must notify the JSE in writing within 48 hours of the decision, giving reasons for such objection. In such event the JSE shall consider the objection and shall be entitled, in its sole discretion, to consult with not less than three independent members of the Issuer Regulation Advisory Committee. After taking into account the views of those independent members, the JSE shall be entitled to reconsider and change its decision. A decision of the JSE made after following this procedure will be final.

### Publication

1.28 Without derogating from any other powers of publication referred to in these Listings Requirements, the JSE may, in its absolute discretion and in such manner as it may deem fit, state or announce that it has:

- (a) investigated dealings in a listed security;
- (b) censured an applicant issuer;
- (c) censured an applicant issuer's director(s);
- (d) suspended the listing of any security;
- (e) removed the listing of any security;
- (f) imposed a fine on an applicant issuer;
- (g) imposed a fine on an applicant issuer's director(s); and/or
- (h) advised that, in its opinion, the retention of office as a director of any applicant issuer's director(s), who shall be named, is prejudicial to the interests of investors<sup>7</sup>;
- ~~(i) terminated the accreditation of and removed an auditor, IFRS adviser, reporting accountant and/or reporting accountant specialist from the JSE list of Auditors and their advisers.~~

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1.30 No applicant issuer or its directors, officers or holders of securities, including nominees ~~or~~

| ~~an auditor, IFRS adviser, reporting accountant, reporting accountant specialist~~ and/or depository shall have any cause of action against the JSE, or against any person employed by the JSE, for damages arising out of any statement or announcement made in terms of paragraph 1.28, unless such publication was made either grossly negligently or with wilful intent.

## Section 3: Continuing Obligations

### ~~Notification~~Notifications in respect of change in the auditor

- 3.75 An issuer must notify the JSE of:
- (a) the ~~termination/non-reappointment or the~~ appointment of the auditor;
  - (b) the termination, non-reappointment or resignation of the auditor; and/or
  - (c) any change of the individual auditor classified as the designated auditor, ~~without delay, and~~ by no later than ~~the end of the~~two business ~~days~~days following the ~~decision by the issuer to terminate, not reappoint or appoint the auditor or after receipt of the auditor's resignation above event.~~
- 3.76 The notification required by paragraph 3.75 ~~must state the effective date of the termination or resignation, if it is not with immediate effect/.~~
- ~~3.77~~ ~~The notification required by paragraph 3.75(b) must be accompanied by a letter from the auditor stating the date of termination, what the auditor believes to be including:~~
- ~~(a) the reason for such termination or, /s; and~~
  - ~~(b) details of any reportable irregularities that were reported by the auditor to its regulator in the case of resignation, the reason(s) for such resignation past 12 months.~~
- ~~3.78~~77 On notification to the JSE pursuant to paragraph 3.75, the issuer must publish an announcement addressing at least the following:
- (a) whether the change of audit firm was initiated by the issuer or the audit firm;
  - (b) the reason(s) for the change in audit firm;
  - (c) the effective date of the change of audit firm; and
  - (d) the name of the newly appointed audit firm (if a decision has not yet been made on the appointment of a new audit firm this fact must be disclosed).
- ~~3.79~~ ~~The annual financial statements for the year end in which the termination or resignation took place must state that the auditor appointment was terminated or that the auditor resigned and the reason(s) therefore.~~

*Note: Section 3 to be renumbered as required.*

### Corporate Governance

- 3.84 In addition to complying with paragraph 8.63(a), issuers must implement the following specific corporate governance practices and must disclose compliance therewith in their annual reports. (The effect of incorporating certain practices from the King Code in the Listings Requirements is to make their implementation mandatory, this is notwithstanding the fact that application of the corporate governance practices in the King Code is generally voluntary):
- (a) ...
  - (g) the audit committee must, notwithstanding its duties pursuant to Section 94 of the
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Companies Act:

- (i) consider, on an annual basis, and satisfy itself of the appropriateness of the expertise and experience of the financial director;
- (ii) ensure that the issuer has established appropriate financial reporting procedures and that those procedures are operating, which should include consideration of all entities included in the consolidated group IFRS financial statements, to ensure that it has access to all the financial information of the issuer to allow the issuer to effectively prepare and report on the financial statements of the issuer;
- (iii) ~~request from~~consider the ~~audit firm (and if necessary consult with the audit firm on) the~~following information ~~detailed in paragraph 22.15(h) in their~~in the assessment of the suitability ~~for~~of appointment ~~of their current or a prospective audit firm and designated individual partner both when they are appointed for of the auditor:~~
  - ~~(aa) the first time and thereafter annually for every re-latest results (including related remedial action plan) of all inspections performed by its regulator. The audit committee may accept reports with the identity of specific entities redacted provided that such redaction does not limit the understanding of their content;~~
  - ~~(bb) any new inspection result of an inspection performed by its regulator, between the date of appointment as well as for an applicant issuer prior of the auditor and the date of signature of the audit report on the annual financial statements;~~
  - ~~(cc) a summary, by the auditor, of the ongoing communication related to listing monitoring and remediation referred to in paragraph 46 of International Standard on Quality Management 1 (ISQM 1); and~~
  - ~~(dd) a summary of any legal or disciplinary proceedings completed or pending, as determined by the head of risk or a person with similar authority within the past seven years. Legal or disciplinary proceedings include those instituted through any legislation or by any regulatory/professional body; and~~
- (iv) notwithstanding the provisions of Section 90(6) of the Companies Act, ensure that the appointment of the auditor is presented and included as a resolution at the annual general meeting of the issuer pursuant to Section 61(8) of the Companies Act;

The issuer must confirm, by reporting to shareholders in its annual report, that the audit committee has executed the responsibilities set out in 3.84(g) above.

**Appointment of auditors ~~and reporting accountants~~**

~~3.86 — An applicant issuer may only appoint as its auditor and reporting accountant an audit firm and reporting accountant who is accredited as such on the JSE list of Auditors and Accounting Specialists, and an individual auditor who does not appear on the JSE list of disqualified individual auditors, as set out in Section 22. This requirement must be considered by the audit committee when recommending an auditor for appointment or re-appointment at the annual general meeting as well for an applicant issuer prior to the listing.~~

~~3.87 — Within 90 days of receiving notification that their audit firm has been removed from the JSE list of Auditors and Accounting Specialists, or their individual auditor being included on the~~

~~JSE list of disqualified individual auditors, an applicant issuer must replace its auditor with an audit firm who is accredited or an individual auditor who is not disqualified. This change should be made before the auditor signs the next audit report. In the event that the applicant issuer receives notification after the auditor has commenced their assurance engagement audit, in such circumstances, it may not be possible for the issuer to appoint a new audit firm within the prescribed period. The applicant issuer must then approach the JSE who, at their discretion, may waive paragraph 3.86 above, for that specific assurance engagement. If such dispensation is granted the applicant issuer must caution shareholders as to the status of its audit firm. This warning must appear whenever reference is made to the auditors report in an announcement or in the financial statements themselves.~~

~~3.883.86 An applicant issuer must appoint an auditor and must ensure that its assurance engagement letter with the auditor requires notification to the applicant issuer without delay where the auditor has been prohibited from signing the audit report or is no longer registered with its regulator.~~

~~3.87 The following applies to the appointment of the auditor:~~

~~(a) the auditor must have demonstrated to the issuer that it has the necessary resources to carry out the relevant engagement, as described in paragraph 30 of ISQM 1;~~

~~(b) the auditor must not be prohibited by its regulator from performing the relevant assurance engagement;~~

~~(c) where the assurance engagement is performed in terms of paragraph 8.45, the auditor of the issuer may sign the relevant assurance opinion, provided that the auditor has performed such an assurance engagement or has completed the JSE approved training and has passed an examination, as approved by the JSE from time to time, within the last 12 months of the date of the assurance engagement.~~

~~Where this is not the case, the issuer must ensure that an additional individual auditor is appointed meeting the above provisions.~~

~~3.88 Where an auditor has been appointed but is subsequently prohibited from signing the audit report, or is no longer registered with its regulator, the auditor must be replaced within 90 days of such notification to the issuer or before the next audit report is signed, whichever is earlier.~~

~~3.89 Subject to the provisions of the Act and the MOI of the applicant issuer and its subsidiaries, subsidiaries of applicant issuer are not required to be audited.~~

~~3.8990 The requirements in paragraphs 3.86, 3.87, 3.88 and 3.87 with regard to the auditor and reporting accountant<sup>89</sup> apply equally to those foreign registered entities with a primary listing on the JSE.~~

## Section 4: Conditions of Listing

### Financial information

4.13 The following requirements relate to the preparation and disclosure of financial information:

- (a) the applicant must comply with Section 8 where applicable and its financial statements must have been reported on by the auditor ~~and reporting accountant~~ without qualification, disclaimer, adverse audit opinion, the inclusion of a paragraph on material uncertainty relating to going concern or reference to an emphasis of matter;
- (b) an issuer must publish audited annual financial statements for its financial year, as specified in the prospectus/pre-listing statement, irrespective of the fact that the company may have subsequently changed its year-end; and
- (c) the applicant must appoint an auditor ~~and/or reporting accountant~~ in terms of the requirements in paragraph 3.84 and 3.86 ~~and Section 22 to 3.90~~.

## Section 8: Financial Information

### Unadjusted information

- 8.29 The unadjusted information of the subject matter of the acquisition or disposal is to be derived from the:
- (a) ...
  - (b) ...
  - (c) unpublished management accounts provided that:
    - (i) ...
    - (ii) ...
    - (iii) in the case of a circular to shareholders for an acquisition where the circular either includes those management accounts and/or uses them for the purposes of the pro forma financial effects, ~~a reporting accountant's~~ the auditor's review or audit opinion (whichever is applicable) must be obtained on those management accounts.

### Profit forecasts and estimates

- 8.40 In the event of an applicant issuer publishing a specific or general profit forecast or estimate in an announcement, it must either:
- (a) produce and submit to the JSE a profit forecast or estimate and auditor's report/~~reporting accountant's report~~ thereon in accordance with:
    - (i) ...
    - (ii) ...
- 8.41 The JSE reserves the right to insist on sign-off by the auditor/~~reporting accountant~~ in accordance with paragraph 8.40(a), where it believes that it would be in the interests of securities holders.
- 8.43 A profit forecast or estimate included in a prospectus/pre-listing statement or circular to shareholders must be prepared in accordance with IFRS for that forecast period, must be reported on by ~~a reporting accountant~~ the auditor in accordance with paragraph 8.40(a)(i) or (ii) and must include a statement of the principal assumptions for each factor that would have a material effect on the achievement of the forecast or estimate. These assumptions must:
- (a) ...

### ~~Reporting accountant's~~ JSE assurance report

### ~~Circumstances when a reporting accountant's report is required~~

- 8.45 ~~A reporting accountant's~~An auditor's report, signed off by ~~an independent reporting accountant,~~the auditor appointed in terms of paragraph 3.87(c), is required when:
- (a) a report of historical financial information is required in terms of paragraph 8.2;
  - (b) a report of historical financial information is prepared and presented on a voluntary basis (except when it relates to previously published information of the applicant issuer);
  - (c) pro forma financial effects or pro forma financial statements are prepared (except when that pro forma information only appears in an announcement);
  - (d) profit forecasts/estimates are prepared (except where these are prepared in terms of paragraph 8.40 and the JSE has not exercised its powers as set out in paragraph 8.41); and
  - (e) it is required by paragraph 13.15.

### **The ~~reporting accountant~~auditor**

~~8.46 — The reporting accountant to report on the information set out in paragraph 8.45, or in any other instance where the JSE requires a report to be presented in a JSE circular, must be accredited as a reporting accountant on the JSE list of Auditors and their advisers and must be independent (applying similar independence criteria normally applicable to auditors).-~~

8.47 The ~~reporting accountant~~auditor shall conduct the engagement in accordance with the relevant standards issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB) and relevant guidance issued by SAICA and/or the IRBA. The IAASB standards include: International Standards on Auditing (ISAs), International Standards on Review Engagements (ISREs), International Standards on Assurance Engagements (ISAEs) and International Standards on Related Services (ISRSs).

8.48 The ~~reporting accountant~~auditor is to provide assurance on the following reports:

- (a) a report of historical information by way of:
  - (i) an audit opinion on financial information relating to the financial year immediately preceding the issue of the prospectus/pre-listing statement/circular; and/or
  - (ii) either an audit opinion or a review conclusion on financial information relating to the financial years prior to the financial year immediately preceding the issue of the prospectus or circular; and/or
  - (iii) a review conclusion on interim financial information;
- (b) ...

### **Contents of ~~a reporting accountant's~~the auditor's report**

8.51 A ~~reporting accountant's~~auditor's report as set out in paragraph 8.48, based on work performed in accordance with the relevant standards issued by the IAASB, as set out in paragraph 8.47, should be addressed to the directors of the applicant, in the case of an application for listing of new securities, or the listed company, in the case of an acquisition or disposal, and each report must include the following basic elements, ordinarily in the following layout:

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(a) ...

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(e) the ~~reporting accountant's~~ auditor's responsibilities;

(f) scope paragraphs, describing the nature of the work undertaken, with:

(i) ...

(vii) a description of the work the ~~reporting accountant~~ auditor has performed;

(g) an opinion paragraph containing an expression of opinion (in the case of an audit or assurance engagement), or a conclusion paragraph containing an expression of the ~~reporting accountant's~~ auditor's conclusion (in the case of other assurance engagements conducted in accordance with ISAEs);

(h) the ~~reporting accountant's~~ auditor's name (both the audit firm and the partner signing the opinion), address and signature; and

(i) the date on which the ~~reporting accountant's~~ auditor's report is signed.

### **Date of reports**

8.52 The ~~reporting accountant's~~ auditor's report(s) should be dated on the same day that the directors authorise the issue of the prospectus/pre-listing statement/circular/announcement for formal submission to the JSE.

### **Review of prospectus/pre-listing statement/circular**

8.53 The ~~reporting accountant~~ auditor should review the prospectus/pre-listing statement/circular to ensure that the contents thereof are not contradictory with the information contained in the report of historical financial information. The ~~reporting accountant~~ auditor must inform the JSE, in writing, of its consent for inclusion and of any such contradictions. The consent letter should be dated on the same day that the directors authorise the issue of the prospectus/pre-listing statement/circular for formal submission to the JSE.

### **Consent letters**

8.54 The ~~reporting accountant~~ auditor should submit a letter to the directors giving his consent to the inclusion of:

(a) the ~~reporting accountant's~~ auditor's report(s) in the prospectus/pre-listing statement/circular; and

(b) references to, or extracts from, the ~~reporting accountant's~~ auditor's report(s) included in the prospectus/pre-listing statement/circular.

8.55 A statement is to be included in the prospectus/pre-listing statement/circular that the ~~reporting accountant~~ auditor has given and has not withdrawn its written consent to the issue of the prospectus/pre-listing statement/circular, containing the ~~reporting accountant's~~ auditor's report in the form and context in which it appears.

### **Confirmations by ~~reporting accountant specialist~~ the auditor**

8.56 The ~~reporting accountant specialist~~ individual auditor appointed in terms of paragraph 3.87(c) must:

- (a) ...
- (b) in instances where he/she does not sign off on the ~~reporting-accountant's~~auditor's report itself, on the formal submission, provide the JSE with a letter (dated the same date as the ~~reporting-accountant's~~auditor's report) confirming that he/she has performed a review of the work performed by the ~~reporting-accountant~~auditor and is satisfied that the Listings Requirements have been complied with.

**Minimum contents of annual financial statements**

~~8.64 — The issuer's auditor shall modify the audit report as considered appropriate in cases of non-compliance with any of the requirements set out in paragraph 8.63(b) to (k), (m)–(p).--~~

## Section 17

### Listing and other Fees

#### Scope of section

This section sets out the listing and other fees that are to be paid by listed companies, applicants applying for a listing of securities, sponsors, auditors and the auditors' advisers.

17.1 The JSE charges certain fees relating to the following:

- (a) listing fees;
- (b) annual listing fees;
- (c) documentation fees;
- (d) ruling fees;
- (e) sponsor fees; ~~and~~

~~(f) fees applicable to auditors and their advisers.~~

Details of these fees, the bases for calculating them and when they are payable are published on the JSE's website "www.jse.co.za".

## ~~Section 22~~ ~~Accreditation of Audit Firms, Reporting Accountants, Reporting Accountant Specialists and IFRS Advisers to provide accounting and/or advisory services to applicant issuers~~

### ~~Scope of section~~

~~The requirements relating to an accreditation mechanism for audit firms, individual auditors (collectively referred to as "auditors") reporting accountants, reporting accountant specialists and IFRS Advisers (collective referred to as "accounting specialists") are essential to ensure that the JSE is able to effectively fulfil its regulatory duties and responsibilities in respect of its regulation of issuers listed on the JSE.~~

~~It is of critical importance that these parties fulfil their duties in accordance with the applicable professional and industry standards as well as the Listings Requirements. It is essential that auditors and accounting specialists assist the JSE in upholding the integrity of the markets in listed securities that it operates.~~

~~This section sets out the requirements to ensure that any audit firm, individual auditor, IFRS adviser, reporting accountant and/or reporting accountant specialist that intends to provide accounting and/or advisory services to an applicant issuers is acceptable to the JSE.~~

~~The main headings of this section are:~~

- ~~22.1 — Accreditation~~
- ~~22.3 — General eligibility criteria~~
- ~~22.4 — Criteria applicable to the audit firm~~
- ~~22.5 — Criteria applicable to IFRS advisers~~
- ~~22.8 — Criteria applicable to reporting accountants and reporting accountant specialists~~
- ~~22.10 — The application process~~
- ~~22.15 — Roles and responsibilities~~
- ~~22.19 — Designation~~
- ~~22.20 — Status~~
- ~~22.21 — Termination of accreditation~~
- ~~Appendix to Section 22~~

### ~~Accreditation~~

~~22.1 — For the purposes of this section, the terms "applicant issuers" or "issuers" include the definition set out in both the JSE Limited Listings Requirements and the Debt Listings Requirements.~~

~~22.2 — Only an audit firm or reporting accountant accredited by the JSE may act as such for any applicant issuer. Individual auditors and reporting accountant specialists may only act for an applicant issuer, and IFRS advisers may only act as such for any audit firm, if these parties meet the applicable requirements and are not disqualified to fulfil these duties, as stipulated in these requirements.~~

### ~~Eligibility Criteria~~

~~The eligibility criteria stipulated in the following sections 22.3—22.8 are there to ensure that an applicant issuer only appoints auditors and accounting specialists that meet the requirements stated in these sections.~~

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~~— Section 22 replaced in its entirety with effect from 15 October 2017.~~

### **General eligibility criteria**

~~22.3 The audit firm, IFRS adviser, reporting accountant and reporting accountant specialist must, to the satisfaction of the JSE:~~

- ~~— (a) comply with the specific criteria set out below for the area in which it is applying to be accredited;~~
- ~~— (b) agree to be bound by, and discharge its responsibilities, in terms of the Listings Requirements; and~~
- ~~— (c) be suitable and able to fulfil the responsibility that it wishes to undertake, which suitability and ability shall be determined based on all the facts and information at its disposal of the JSE, including the information contained in its declaration and with a view to ensuring that the integrity of the markets operated by the JSE are upheld and that the JSE is able to fulfil its regulatory duties and responsibilities in respect of applicant issuers and issuers listed on its exchange.~~

### **Criteria applicable to the audit firm**

~~22.4 The audit firm and the individual auditor who will sign the assurance report of the applicant issuer must be registered with the IRBA for that purpose or in the instance of an audit firm and their individual auditors registered in a jurisdiction other than the Republic of South Africa, with a similar regulatory/ professional body for auditors.~~

~~The following criteria must be met at all times by the audit firm in order to be accredited on the JSE list of Auditors and Accounting Specialists:~~

- ~~— (a) The audit firm have at least three individual auditors who are registered as assurance individual auditors with their regulator and whose names do not appear on the JSE list of individuals that are disqualified as auditors as set out in paragraph 22.4(f) below;~~
- ~~— (b) The audit firm must have at least one IFRS adviser, either internal or external to the firm, accredited on the JSE list of Auditors and Accounting Specialists;~~
- ~~— (c) The IRBA or regulatory/professional body for auditors in that jurisdiction must have completed a firm wide independent quality control (ISQC 1) inspection on the audit firm in its current or previous inspection cycle;~~
- ~~— (d) The audit firm must provide to the JSE the information referred to in paragraph 22.15(f)(i) from the ISQC 1 inspection referred to in paragraph 22.4(c) above. The JSE will consider this information and may consult further with the audit firm and/or with the IRBA or regulator/professional body for auditors in that jurisdiction. The audit firm will only be accredited if the JSE is satisfied with the outcome of the ISQC 1 review based on its assessment of how any matters identified in the inspection may impact on the JSE's ability to fulfil its regulatory duties and responsibilities as well as an assessment of the impact that this review may have on the integrity of the JSE's markets;~~
- ~~— (e) The audit firm must make available to the JSE the information referred to in paragraphs 22.15(f)(ii) to (vii) below. The JSE will consider this information and may consult further with the audit firm or regulator/professional body. The JSE will consider all facts and information at its disposal and will only accredit an audit firm if compelling reasons exist that any findings against such audit firm will not negatively impact on the audit firm's ability to fulfil its functions and duties as set out in the Listings Requirements and/or that the accreditation of such audit firm will not negatively impact on the JSE's regulatory duties and/or negatively impact on the integrity of the JSE's markets;~~
- ~~— (f) The audit firm must not allow any individual auditor to perform any engagement for an applicant issuer if such individual is disqualified from acting as an auditor as provided for in this paragraph 22.4(f). The JSE will consider all relevant facts and information at its disposal, including, but not limited to whether facts and circumstances exist that will or may result in the inability of such individual to fulfil its~~

~~obligations as set out in the Listings Requirements and/or whether these facts and circumstances may negatively impact on the integrity of the JSE's markets. The JSE will maintain a list and advise the audit firm of any individuals that do not meet the JSE's criteria. Although the JSE will consider all the relevant facts and information at its disposal, it is important to record that the following matters are of particular importance:~~

- ~~(i) any findings arising from any investigation process undertaken by the JSE due to the contravention of the Listings Requirements; and~~
- ~~(ii) any of the matters referred to in paragraphs 22.21(a)–(e).~~
- ~~Any individual auditor whose name appears on the JSE's list of disqualified auditors may make written representations to the JSE to remove his/her name from the list of disqualified individual auditors. Such an application must make full and frank disclosure of all relevant facts and information that could or may influence the JSE's decision;~~
- ~~(g) The audit firm must ensure that, at least 20 business days before any individual auditor accepts an engagement for an applicant issuer, the details of all matters referred to in paragraph 22.4(f) are made available to the JSE and they must await the outcome of the JSE's assessment. The JSE does not require these disclosures to be made again if they were previously provided to the JSE for an individual auditor who was, as at 30 April 2017, still recognised as being accredited by the JSE under the previous Listings Requirements. The audit firm must however make disclosure of any new matters that arise after the 30 April 2017 relating to those individuals;~~
- ~~(h) The audit firm must at all times have provided to the JSE the details of all matters referred to in paragraph 22.4(f) for at least three individual auditors, regardless of whether or not they perform engagements for applicant issuers;~~
- ~~(i) The audit firm must provide the JSE with adequate information to demonstrate that it has:
  - ~~(1) an internal JSE accredited IFRS adviser in its service or has contracted with an external JSE accredited IFRS adviser to advise the audit firm on IFRS compliance when required; and~~
  - ~~(2) a reporting accountant specialist, where applicable, to fulfil the role as set out in paragraph 8.45 of Section 8.~~~~
- ~~(j) The audit firm must provide details of duly authorised individual/s to deal with the areas of communication with the JSE as follows:
  - ~~(1) the head of risk or a similar senior person within the audit firm who is tasked with the responsibility of risk management, to deal with any audit quality related matters. This individual must also approve the redacted versions of detailed findings referred required in terms of paragraph 22.15(h);~~
  - ~~(2) a senior person within the audit firm tasked with the responsibility of the accreditation of the audit firm, reporting accountant specialist and IFRS advisers, to deal with accreditation and general JSE matters;~~
  - ~~(3) a senior internal IFRS adviser or an external IFRS adviser (where such a person is contracted by the audit firm), to deal with any IFRS related matters; and~~
  - ~~(4) if applicable, a senior JSE accredited reporting accountant specialist, to deal with any reporting accountant related Listings Requirements matters.~~~~
- ~~(k) When applying to be accredited and thereafter on an annual basis, the chief executive officer of the audit firm must sign the forms referred to in paragraph 22.10 below.~~

#### **Criteria applicable to IFRS advisers**

~~22.5 Persons wishing to be accredited as an IFRS adviser must confirm and provide the JSE with adequate information to demonstrate that they:~~

- ~~(a) have spent the following minimum required hours on performing practical and interpretive IFRS consulting over the past 12 months in order to have a comprehensive working knowledge of IFRS; the Financial Reporting Pronouncements issued by the Financial Reporting Standards Council; and the SAICA Financial Reporting Guidelines issued by the Accounting Practises Committee:~~
  - ~~(i) at least 800 hours at an individual level; or~~
  - ~~(ii) if the individual is one of two individuals who work as part of an IFRS advisory group, at least 500 hours per individual in the group. In such an instance every individual must indicate that they have specialised in different standards in such a manner that would satisfy the JSE that the group's combined 1 000 hours' knowledge is at least equivalent to that of a single individual with 800 hours; and~~
- ~~(b) have access to a network of other IFRS advisers to adequately assist and advise on IFRS matters; and~~
- ~~(c) are registered with the IRBA or are members in good standing of a professional body. That body must have a code of ethics and disciplinary rules, to which its members are subject, which it regulates.~~

~~22.6 Time spent on any other financial reporting framework, including IFRS for SMEs, will not be considered in ascertaining whether this requirement has been met. The JSE may undertake an assessment of the applicant's IFRS work previously performed in order to satisfy itself as to the acceptability of the IFRS adviser. This assessment may be done in consultation with the FRIP. The IFRS consulting referred to in paragraph 22.5 above must include a combination of the following:~~

- ~~(a) the review of financial statements before being issued to assess IFRS compliance;~~
- ~~(b) advising internal or external clients on the interpretation and/or application of IFRS in so far as recognition, measurement and disclosure of transactions are concerned;~~
- ~~(c) providing practical training to internal or external clients on the application and interpretation of existing, revised and new IFRS; and~~
- ~~(d) other practical matters insofar as IFRS is concerned.~~

~~22.7 When applying to be accredited, the IFRS adviser must provide the JSE with a signed declaration, as set out in Schedule 2 Form E3, which deals with the relevant undertakings and information set out in the Appendix to Section 22 and must also:~~

- ~~(a) provide the information as set out in this paragraph 22.7. This should be accompanied by a list of clients to whom IFRS consulting and training was provided and a summary of the relevant hours spent on each main category (as detailed in paragraph 22.6 above) and the specific accounting matters/IFRS standards covered;~~
- ~~(b) not have been disqualified from registration by the IRBA or any other professional or regulatory body (alternatively full details must be provided);~~
- ~~(c) notify the JSE, within 5 working days, where an agreement between itself and a JSE accredited audit firm to act as external IFRS adviser has been entered into or terminated; and~~
- ~~(d) agree to provide information to the JSE and act as technical link between the JSE and the audit firm, individual auditor, reporting accountant and/or reporting accountants specialist in instances where the JSE requires interaction in relation to the IFRS reporting by an applicant issuer, and confirm that their contract with the audit firm/individual auditor allows them to fulfil this role.~~

#### **Criteria applicable to reporting accountants and reporting accountant specialists**

~~22.8 In order to qualify to perform the function of a reporting accountant on behalf of an issuer the audit firm must ensure that it:~~

- ~~———— (a) — is accredited as an audit firm on the JSE list of Auditors and Accounting Specialists;~~
- ~~———— (b) — is registered with the IRBA; and~~
- ~~———— (c) — has at least one internal reporting accountant specialist accredited as such on the JSE list of Auditors and Accounting Specialists and that such specialists have the necessary and appropriate experience and training to fulfil their duties to issuers in accordance with the provisions of the Listings Requirements.~~

~~22.9 — A reporting accountant specialist will be accredited as such provided they ensure, to the satisfaction of the JSE that they:~~

- ~~———— (a) — are a member or employee of the audit firm accredited on the JSE list of Auditors and Accounting Specialists;~~
- ~~———— (b) — are registered with the IRBA as a registered auditor;~~
- ~~———— (c) — do not appear on the JSE list of disqualified individuals referred to in paragraph 22.4(f) above;~~
- ~~———— (d) — on first application to be accreditation under these requirements, confirm to and satisfy the JSE that either:~~
  - ~~———— (i) — as at the 30 May 2017, they were recognised by the JSE as an accredited reporting accountant specialist and had performed the work of a reporting accountant specialist to the satisfaction of the JSE on at least one circular within the 12 months prior to that date; or~~
  - ~~———— (ii) — they completed the JSE approved training for reporting accountant specialists and have passed an examination, as approved by the JSE from time to time, within the last 12 months;~~
- ~~———— (e) — thereafter, confirm annually to and satisfy the JSE that, after the accreditation process referred to in paragraph 22.9(d) above, they have:~~
  - ~~———— (i) — successfully completed specific JSE approved update courses for reporting accountant specialists, as and when required and directed by the JSE; and~~
  - ~~———— (ii) — have performed work of a reporting accountant specialist to the satisfaction of the JSE within the past 12 months, failing which that they have completed the process referred to in paragraph 22.9(d)(ii) above.~~

## **The application process**

~~22.10 — On initial application and thereafter annually, for an audit firm, IFRS adviser, reporting accountant and/or reporting accountant specialist to be accredited by the JSE they must submit the following to the JSE:~~

- ~~(a) — the relevant E form(s) as set out in Schedule 2 which deals with the relevant undertakings and information set out in the Appendix to Section 22;~~
- ~~(b) — the required supporting documentation;~~
- ~~(c) — for the audit firm, a list of the individual auditors per applicant issuer; and~~
- ~~(d) — proof of payment of the relevant application fee.~~

~~22.11 — The annual declarations are due for submission on 1 June each year. If annual declarations are not submitted to the JSE by 1 July of any year, the audit firm, IFRS adviser, reporting accountant and/or reporting accountant specialist failing to submit the relevant annual declaration will forthwith be removed from the JSE list of Auditors and Accounting Specialists until the outstanding declarations have been submitted. If the declarations have not been submitted by 1 December of any year, reapplication will be required.~~

~~22.12 — The relevant initial application and annual fees, as determined by the JSE from time to time,~~

are published and available on the JSE website, at [www.jse.co.za](http://www.jse.co.za), per Section 17.

~~22.13 If the annual fees payable are not paid by 1 August of any year, the name of the audit firm, IFRS adviser, reporting accountant and/or reporting accountant specialist will be removed from the JSE list of Auditors and Accounting specialists until the fees have been paid in full. If the fees have not been paid by 1 December of any year, reapplication will be required.~~

~~22.14 A public list of accredited audit firms, external IFRS advisers, reporting accountants and reporting accountant specialists will be published as the JSE list of Auditors and Accounting Specialists on the JSE website.~~

### **Roles and responsibilities**

~~22.15 The roles and responsibilities of an audit firm, IFRS adviser, reporting accountant and/or reporting accountant specialist are contained in this paragraph, paragraphs 22.16 to 22.18 and the Appendix to Section 22. The audit firm, IFRS adviser, reporting accountant and/or reporting accountant specialist must:~~

- ~~— (a) accept all of their respective responsibilities in terms of the Listings Requirements, as detailed in Sections 3, 8, 13, 15, 21 and 22 (the applicability thereof being dependent on the role being fulfilled and the type of applicant issuer);~~
- ~~— (b) on initial application and thereafter annually, or more frequently where specified, submit all documentation required to the JSE, make the declarations and undertakings set out therein and ensure that such information and documentation are, both in principle and content, in compliance with the Listings Requirements;~~
- ~~— (c) fulfil the specific responsibilities set out in the Listings Requirements required of an audit firm, IFRS adviser, reporting accountant and/or reporting accountant specialist;~~
- ~~— (d) provide to the JSE with any information or explanation known to it, in such form and within such time limit as the JSE may reasonably require, for the purpose of verifying whether the Listings Requirements are being and have been complied with by it or by an applicant issuer;~~
- ~~— (e) discharge its responsibilities with due care and skill; and~~
- ~~— (f) provide the JSE with the following, within 5 working days of receiving written notification thereof:~~
  - ~~— (i) the outcome of an audit firm inspection performed by the IRBA (or a similar regulatory or professional body for auditors in another jurisdiction) together with the decision letter and findings report from the IRBA (or similar regulatory or professional body for auditors), regardless of whether or not the audit firm intends to challenge the decision;~~
  - ~~— (ii) the fact that it was party to (either by advising or signing off on financial statements or other information) an investigation that resulted in a conclusion that the applicant issuer's financial statements or other information were not in compliance with IFRS or the Listings Requirements;~~
  - ~~— (iii) the commencement of legal or disciplinary proceeding instituted by any professional body of which it is a member or regulator to which it is accountable, irrespective of the nature of the proceedings;~~
  - ~~— (iv) any of the matters referred to in paragraph 22.21;~~
  - ~~— (v) the matters referred to in paragraphs 22.15(f)(ii)(iii) and (iv) above are those that relate to both the audit firm and any individual auditor who has performed an engagement for an applicant issuer;~~
  - ~~— (vi) any other matter that may be of relevance to its ongoing obligations and responsibilities in terms of the Listings Requirements; and/or~~
  - ~~— (vii) the outcome of any legal or disciplinary process instituted by the audit firm against an individual auditor (where that auditor has performed an engagement for an applicant issuer), IFRS adviser and/or reporting accountant specialist~~

who is employed by or who is a partner of the audit firm in question;

- ~~(g) notify the JSE of the following, within 48 hours from the date of:~~
  - ~~(i) receiving notice of the termination or the appointment of the audit firm/ individual auditor;~~
  - ~~(ii) giving notice of resignation by the audit firm/ individual auditor; and/or~~
  - ~~(iii) the appointment of a new individual auditor (where the audit firm remains unchanged), except in the instance where that appointment is as a result of rotation of audits amongst individuals in terms of the Act, then the audit firm can send one notification of all such changes on the last day of every quarter commencing on 30 November 2017.~~

~~The notification must include details of the reason for the termination or resignation, and must provide a confirmation of whether or not any reportable irregularities were reported to the Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors in the past 12 months. For all such reportable irregularities reported, the confirmation must provide an indication of whether or not the auditor was able to send a second report to the Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors as contemplated by Section 45(3)(c) of the Auditing Profession Act 26 of 2005 prior to any such termination or resignation.~~

- ~~(h) As a minimum, provide to the audit committee of all applicant issuers who are their clients either annually or when requested to by the audit committee in terms of paragraph 3.84(g) (iii) (or paragraph 7.10(b) as it relates to the Debt Listings Requirements), whichever occurs first, and to any prospective new clients when tendering for such work;~~
  - ~~(i) the following for the latest inspection performed by the IRBA (or the regulatory or professional body for auditors in the case of an auditor registered in a jurisdiction other than the Republic of South Africa):~~
    - ~~(1) the decision letter, findings report and the proposed remedial action to address the findings, on the audit firm. In the instance of a re-inspection/s, both the original and re-inspection/s decision letters, findings reports and remedial action plans must be provided. If the content of these letters and reports reveal the identity of specific entities, a redacted version of that information may be provided in terms of the process set out in 22.15(h)(4) below, and where applicable;~~
    - ~~(2) the decision letter, detailed findings report and the proposed remedial action to address the findings, on the individual auditor where the engagement file subject to the inspection was for that specific applicant issuer or one of its subsidiaries;~~
    - ~~(3) the decision letter for all other engagement file reviews on both the individual auditor who will be the applicant issuers designated individual auditor for the next audit and, if the audit firm remains unchanged, on the designated individual auditor for the past audit;~~
    - ~~(4) for the engagements referred to in paragraph 22.15(h)(3) above, where the regulator has identified that a specific issue is unsatisfactory and that they will perform a re-inspection on an engagement file of that individual auditor due to that issue and/or have referred the matter for investigation, an appropriate redacted version of the detailed findings report and proposed remedial action plan. In the instance of a re-inspection both the original and re-inspection decision letters and an appropriate redacted version of the detailed findings report and proposed remedial action plan must be provided. A redacted version is one where the name of the entity and any information that could reveal their identity has been blacklined. The person described in 22.4(j)(1) must approve~~

~~the redacted version. This approval must accompany the redacted version together with a statement that they confirm that the redactions are limited to information that could reveal the identity of the entity;~~

- ~~(5) where necessary, an explanation of the above findings to ensure that there is an understanding of those findings in the appropriate context, especially if the redacted version of the detailed findings report leads to the nature of the findings becoming unclear;~~
- ~~(6) If any new inspections referred to in paragraph 22.15(h)(i) above are concluded after the audit committee has considered the appointment of the auditor, but before the assurance report is signed, these must be provided to the audit committee within 10 business days of the audit firm receiving written notification thereof;~~
- ~~(ii) a summary, as approved by the person described in 22.4(j)(1) above, of the following information which would have been communicated annually to the engagement partners and other appropriate individuals within the audit firm, including the firm's chief executive officer or, if appropriate, its managing board of partners in terms of paragraph 53 of ISQC 1 (and/or paragraph 54 in the case of a network):~~
  - ~~(1) a description of the monitoring procedures performed (Paragraph 53(a) of ISQC1);~~
  - ~~(2) the conclusions drawn from the monitoring procedures (Paragraph 53(b) of ISQC1);~~
  - ~~(3) where relevant, a description of systemic, repetitive or other significant deficiencies and of steps taken to resolve or amend those deficiencies (Paragraph 53(c) of ISQC1); and~~
- ~~(iii) the outcome and a summary of any legal or disciplinary proceedings concluded within the past 7 years, which were instituted in terms of any legislation or by any professional body of which the audit firm and/or designated individual auditor are a member or regulator to whom they are accountable, including where the matter is settled by consent order or payment of a fine.~~

~~22.16 Further responsibilities of the audit firm include:~~

- ~~(a) monitoring compliance with the disclosure requirements of the JSE as they relate to interim, preliminary, provisional, abridged and annual reports, as set out in Sections 3, 8, 13, 15 and 21 of the Listings Requirements (where applicable) in instances where an auditor's report has been issued on such financial reports and, in addition to any obligations in terms of paragraph 8.64, reporting matters of non-compliance directly to the JSE; and~~
- ~~(b) advising the JSE of any instance where the applicant issuer misrepresents the content of the auditor's report as it relates to that applicant issuer (for example by indicating that the auditor's opinion is unqualified when there is a modification of the auditor's opinion or by indicating that there are no issues when in fact there is a modified auditor's report) or by indicating that the financial information has been audited or reviewed when this is not the case.~~

~~22.17 The role of the IFRS adviser includes the following:~~

- ~~(a) if required to do so by the audit firm/individual auditor/reporting accountant and/or reporting accountant specialist, provide technical IFRS assistance and advice in support of the assurance opinion, whether it be the consideration of a specific matter or a full review of the financial statements. Although this is a service to the audit firm, individual auditor, reporting accountant and/or reporting accountant specialist and not the applicant issuer, this service is important to ensure that the JSE is able to effectively regulate issuers and, consequently, the IFRS adviser is required to document its IFRS opinion or in the instance of a financial statement review, the recommendations it has made;~~

~~(b) to act as technical link between the JSE and the audit firm/individual auditor/reporting accountant and/or reporting accountant specialist in instances where the JSE requires interaction in relation to the IFRS reporting by the applicant issuer; and~~

~~(c) to provide the JSE with the documented evidence of the work it has performed in the instance of paragraph 22.17(a) above.~~

~~22.18 The role that the reporting accountant specialist fulfils is the following:~~

~~(a) to provide appropriate advice to the applicant issuer and, if applicable, to the individual auditor on the application of the financial information requirements detailed in the Listings Requirements;~~

~~(i) before any circular is submitted to the JSE for informal comment and to ensure that this advice has been applied and to confirm this in writing to the JSE;~~

~~(ii) when the applicant issuer includes pro forma financial in any of the periodic financial information referred to in section 3 and to ensure that this advice has been applied and advise the JSE in writing if this is not the case; and~~

~~(b) in the instances of a circular referred to in paragraph 22.18(a)(i) to either sign off on the reporting accountant's report of the audit firm itself, or perform a quality review function on the work performed to support every reporting accountant's report, in order to ensure compliance with the Listings Requirements (in which case it must submit a letter to the JSE confirming that it has fulfilled this role).~~

#### **Status and termination of accreditation**

##### **Designation**

~~22.19 An audit firm, IFRS adviser, reporting accountant and/or reporting accountant specialist accredited with the JSE and entered onto the JSE list of Auditors and Accounting Specialists will be entitled, but not required, to state on its business documentation that it is accredited with the JSE.~~

##### **Status**

~~22.20 If an audit firm, IFRS adviser, reporting accountant and/or reporting accountant specialist does not to the satisfaction of the JSE fulfil the responsibilities above or fully comply with the eligibility criteria set out in this Section 22, either at the time of application or any time thereafter, the JSE will:~~

~~(a) in the case of a new application, not accredit the audit firm, IFRS adviser, reporting accountant and/or reporting accountant specialist; or~~

~~(b) in the case of a currently accredited audit firm, IFRS adviser, reporting accountant and/or reporting accountant specialist, consider withdrawing or terminating its accreditation and removing its name from the JSE list of Auditors and Accounting Specialists.~~

##### **Termination of accreditation**

~~22.21 Where the JSE finds that an audit firm, IFRS adviser, reporting accountant and/or reporting accountant specialist has:~~

~~(a) contravened, or failed to adhere to, its responsibilities set out in this section 22;~~

~~(b) been found guilty or agreed to a consent order in terms of any legal, regulatory review or disciplinary finding arising from any processes instituted by any professional body of which it is a member or another regulator to which it is accountable;~~

~~(c) been found guilty of and/or paid a fine and/or was sanctioned in any manner for a breach of the FMA;~~

~~(d) been found guilty and convicted, whether in South Africa or elsewhere, of theft, fraud, forgery, uttering a forged document, perjury, an offence under the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act (No. 12 of 2004), or any offence involving~~

dishonesty; or

- ~~(e) had any legal or disciplinary findings, including a consent order, payment of a fine or sanction, made against them in terms of any other legislation.~~

The JSE may:

- ~~(i) refer the matter to the IRBA (or, if applicable, to a similar regulatory or professional body for auditors in a jurisdiction other than South Africa) or in the instance of an IFRS adviser refer the matter to the individual's professional body;~~
- ~~(ii) advise the audit committee of the issuer; and/or~~
- ~~(iii) terminate the accreditation of and remove the name of the audit firm, IFRS adviser, reporting accountant and/or reporting accountant specialist from the JSE list of Auditors and Accounting Specialists.~~

~~22.22 Implicit in the relationship between the JSE, issuers and an audit firm, IFRS adviser, reporting accountant and/or reporting accountant specialist and as a result of the functions of these parties, its duty to make full and frank disclosure to the JSE of any issues that may impact on its suitability to perform its responsibilities and discharge its obligations as set out in the Listings Requirements. Furthermore, it is incumbent on an audit firm, IFRS adviser, reporting accountant and/or reporting accountant specialist to, in the event of any potential contravention of their responsibilities set out in this section 22, the presence of any of the issues as set out in paragraphs 22.15(f) and 22.21 and/or any other factors that may impact on its ability to suitably perform its responsibilities, provide compelling reasons to prove to the satisfaction of the JSE that it is still competent and suitable to fulfil the responsibilities and obligations that it wishes to undertake.~~

## **Appendix to Section 22**

### **Undertakings provided and information supplied in the declarations**

~~Audit firms, IFRS advisers and reporting accountants specialist must make various undertakings and provide certain information both when making application to be accredited by the JSE and thereafter on an annual basis. The relevant E forms set out in Schedule 2 will apply to the party signing the declaration. The term individual used below includes the IFRS adviser and reporting accountant specialist. The list of undertakings and information required is set out below.~~

~~The audit firm and individual are required to confirm that they;~~

- ~~(1) meet all the eligibility criteria applicable to an audit firm and/or individual and have provided the necessary supporting documentation set out in section 22;~~
- ~~(2) the audit firm, are subjected to a firm wide independent quality control (ISQC1) inspection performed by the authorised regulatory and/or professional body for auditors;~~
- ~~(3) are in good standing with their regulatory and/or professional body;~~
- ~~(4) confirm that neither they nor, in the instance of the audit firm, any of their accredited individuals or individual auditors who have signed assurance reports for applicant issuers have:
  - ~~• at any time been removed from an office of trust because of misconduct related to a discharge of that office;~~
  - ~~• been convicted, whether in the Republic of South Africa or elsewhere, of theft, fraud, forgery, uttering a forged document, perjury, or any offence involving dishonesty;~~
  - ~~• been found guilty of an offence under the FMA;~~
  - ~~• been declared by a competent court to be of unsound mind or unable to manage their own affairs; or~~
  - ~~• been provisionally sequestered, entered into a compromise with creditors or been~~~~

~~classified as an unrehabilitated insolvent.~~

- ~~———— If a negative statement cannot be made, details must be provided;~~
- ~~(5) — the audit firm have adequate structures, policies, processes, training programmes and expertise in place in order to ensure a high level of competence and compliance with International Standards on Auditing, IFRS and the Listings Requirements and Debt Listings Requirements;~~
- ~~(6) — the audit firm, have established procedures and taken appropriate steps to ensure that:~~
  - ~~———— ● — individual auditors, IFRS advisers and if applicable reporting accountant specialists are familiar with the specific audit and financial reporting requirements applicable to applicant issuers, as set out in the Listings Requirements and Debt Listings Requirements;~~
  - ~~———— ● — its staff are kept up to date in all relevant areas of technical training in order to enable them to maintain the highest level of competence in performing the assurance work of an applicant issuer; and~~
  - ~~———— ● — individual auditors are only assigned to issuers if they have the relevant experience, competency and capabilities for that specific issuer;~~
- ~~(7) — the individuals;~~
  - ~~———— ● — have adequate experience, competency and capabilities in performing their work;~~
  - ~~———— ● — are familiar with the specific audit and financial reporting requirements applicable to applicant issuers and their specific function; and~~
  - ~~———— ● — have kept up to date in all relevant areas of technical training in order for them to maintain competence in performing their work;~~
- ~~(8) — the audit firm, have a JSE accredited IFRS adviser to review financial information of applicant issuers on which the audit firm expresses assurance opinions or provides reporting accountant's reports, and have consulted with them when deemed necessary;~~
- ~~(9) — the audit firm has a JSE accredited reporting accountant specialist who fulfils the role, as set out in paragraph 8.45 of Section 8, if applicable;~~
- ~~(10) — confirm that neither they nor, in the instance of the audit firm, any of their accredited individuals or individual auditors who have signed assurance reports for applicant issuers, were party to any of the matters set out in paragraphs 22.15(f), and 22.21 or, if so, to provide details to the JSE thereof and also undertake to notified the JSE, within the specified timeframes, of any of the matters set out in paragraphs 22.15(f) and 22.21 that arise in the future;~~
- ~~(11) — confirm that the information referred to in paragraph 22.15 (h) has been provided to the relevant audit committees;~~
- ~~(12) — are aware of and have considered the IFRS matters identified by the JSE proactive monitoring process and/or the FRIP, as set out on the JSE and SAICA websites;~~
- ~~(13) — are aware of and have considered IRBA and/or SAICA guidance applicable to reporting accountants and auditors of applicant issuers;~~
- ~~(14) — agree to discharge their responsibilities in terms of this section 22 and to thus assist the JSE in upholding the integrity of the markets operated by the JSE;~~
- ~~(15) — will not intentionally or recklessly bring the integrity of the markets operated by the JSE into disrepute; and~~
- ~~(16) — give the JSE permission to obtain and share information and consult with professional bodies to whom it belongs and regulators to whom it is accountable, in matters that are of relevance to the JSE.~~

## Schedules

### Schedule 2 Listing applications & other

The listing applications and other documents are available on the JSE website at [www.jse.co.za](http://www.jse.co.za).

#### Listing Applications: Form A

Form A1 – (a)	Application for a listing of securities resulting from rights offers, claw-back offers and renounceable offers
Form A1 – (b)	Application for a listing of securities resulting from non-renounceable rights offers
Form A2	Application for a listing of securities resulting from capitalisation issues or scrip dividends
Form A3	Application for a listing of securities resulting from acquisitions, amalgamations/mergers, take-overs, share incentive schemes and convertible securities
Form A4	Application for a listing of securities resulting from an issue for cash
Form A5	Application for the de-listing of shares arising out of a repurchase of shares
Form A6	Application for an increase in authorised share capital

#### Independent Professional Expert: Form B

Form B1	Expert's confirmation of independence
Form B2	Expert's confirmation of competency
Form B3	Declaration by the issuer

#### Independent Registered Valuer: Form C

Form C1	Appendix 13A
Form C2	Appendix 13B

#### Annual Compliance Certificates, Company Secretary Information & Sponsor Information: Form D

Form D1	Annual compliance certificate
Form D2	Company secretary information
Form D3	Sponsor annual compliance certificate
Form D4	Sponsor Application Form

#### Accreditation of auditors, reporting accountants and IFRS adviser: Form E

<del>Form E1</del>	<del>Auditor application and annual declaration form for accreditation with the JSE (Audit Firm)</del>
<del>Form E2</del>	<del>Consideration for the JSE list of disqualified auditors (Individual Auditor)</del>
<del>Form E3</del>	<del>IFRS Adviser initial application and annual declaration form</del>
<del>Form E4</del>	<del>Reporting accountant specialist initial application and annual declaration form</del>

#### Checklist for First Submission: Form F

Form F1	Checklist for First Submission
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#### Terms Sheets: Form G

Form G1	Accelerated specific issue for cash term sheet
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#### Corporate Actions Timetables: Form H

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Schedule 2 inserted with effect from 30 September 2014 and amended with effect from 24 October 2016, 15 October 2017, 18 December 2017 and 2 December 2019.

Form H	Corporate Action Timetable
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Approved Exchanges: Form I

Form I1	Approved Exchanges
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Publication of iRPV or iNAV: Form J

Form J	Publication of iRPV or iNAV
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AMC Fact Sheet: Form K

Form K	AMC Fact Sheet
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AMETF Fact Sheet: Form L

Form L	AMETF Fact Sheet
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### **Schedule 5 Independent fairness opinions**

**5.12 Independence of professional experts:**

(a) Subject to paragraph 5.12(b), an independent professional expert deemed to be independent by the JSE for purposes of paragraph 5.1 above are:

- (i) the auditors ~~or reporting accountants~~ of the issuer;
- (ii) in respect of mineral companies, the competent person of the issuer; and
- (iii) the sponsor of the issuer,

provided the expert,

- (i) for the past 18 months, has had no shareholding in the applicant issuer;
- (ii) for the past 18 months, has had no board representation on the applicant issuer;
- (iii) is not employed by the applicant issuer;
- (iv) has had no relationship with any party to the corporate action, other than the applicant issuer, (in a capacity as set out in paragraph 5.12(a) above); and
- (v) has no interest in the success of the corporate action other than its reasonable professional fee (with no success fee element) for acting as independent professional expert;

### **Schedule 16**

This Schedule contains certain Listings Requirements applicable to sponsors (Part I) and VCC advisers (Part II) and should be read with Section 2.

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Form H amended with effect from 1 June 2022.

Form J inserted with effect from 1 July 2022 and amended with effect from 14 October 2022.

Form K inserted with effect from 1 July 2022.

Form L inserted with effect from 14 October 2022.

Schedule 5 title amended with effect from 15 October 2007.

Schedule 16 amended with effect from 24 April 2019.

## **Sponsor procedures manual**

16.23 A sponsor must have a formal and written procedures manual in dealing with the following:

- (a) ...
- (h) satisfying itself on the credentials of the ~~reporting accountant,~~ auditor, competent person, valuer and expert of applicant issuers;

**The following Guidance Letters will be removed:**

**Financial and audit related – Circulars**

- **Guidance Letter: Letter to sponsors/designated advisers**  
Date: 4 March 2010
- **Guidance Letter: Letter to reporting accountant specialists**  
Date: 5 March 2010