

Illustrative assurance report prepared to meet the JSE Listing Requirements
Illustrative Reporting Accountant's Report¹

Independent reporting accountant's assurance report on the compilation of pro forma financial information included in a <prospectus/pre-listing statement/circular²>

To the Directors of <insert name of applicant / listed company>

We have completed our assurance engagement to report on the compilation of pro forma financial information of <ABC Limited> by the directors. The pro forma financial information, as set out on pages <xx-xx> of the <prospectus/pre-listing statement/circular>, consists of <identify the title of each statement that comprises the pro forma financial information> and related notes. The pro forma financial information has been compiled on the basis of the applicable criteria specified in the JSE Limited (JSE) Listings Requirements³.

The pro forma financial information has been compiled by the directors to illustrate the impact of the corporate action or event, described in <Paragraph X / Annexure X⁴>, on the <company's financial position> as at <specify date>, and the <company's financial performance> for the period then ended, as if the corporate action or event had taken place at <specified date> and for the period then ended. As part of this process, information about the company's <financial position> and <financial performance> has been extracted by the directors from the company's financial statements for the period ended <date>, on which <an auditor's report⁵> was issued on <date>.

Directors' Responsibility for the Pro Forma Financial Information

The directors are responsible for compiling the pro forma financial information on the basis of the applicable criteria specified in the JSE Listings Requirements and described in <Paragraph X / Annexure X⁶>.

Reporting Accountant's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion about whether the pro forma financial information has been compiled, in all material respects, by the directors on the basis specified in the JSE Listings Requirements based on our procedures performed. We conducted our engagement in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3420, *Assurance Engagements to Report on the Compilation of Pro Forma Financial Information Included in a Prospectus* <which is applicable to an engagement of this nature⁷>. This standard requires that we comply with ethical requirements⁸ and plan and perform our procedures to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the pro forma financial information has been compiled, in all material respects, on the basis specified in the JSE Listings Requirements.

For purposes of this engagement, we are not responsible for updating or reissuing any reports or opinions on any historical financial information used in compiling the pro forma financial

¹ JSE Listings Requirements: 8.45(c), 8.46, 8.47, 8.48(b) and 8.51.

² Delete whichever is not applicable

³ JSE Listings Requirements: 8.16 to 8.33

⁴ Identify appropriate paragraph and / or annexure or delete whichever is not applicable

⁵ State whether the auditor's opinion has been modified or an emphasis of matter paragraph or reportable irregularity paragraph has been included. Reference is to be made to the modification or emphasis of matter paragraph described in the <prospectus/pre-listing statement/circular>

⁶ Identify appropriate paragraph and / or annexure

⁷ Insert where the engagement relates to pro forma information in a document, other than a prospectus.

⁸ All registered auditors are required to comply with the IRBA *Code of Professional Conduct for Registered Auditors*

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information, nor have we, in the course of this engagement, performed an audit or review of the financial information used in compiling the pro forma financial information.

As the purpose of pro forma financial information included in a prospectus is solely to illustrate the impact of a significant corporate action or event on unadjusted financial information of the entity as if the corporate action or event had occurred or had been undertaken at an earlier date selected for purposes of the illustration, we do not provide any assurance that the actual outcome of the event or transaction at <specify date> would have been as presented.

A reasonable assurance engagement to report on whether the pro forma financial information has been compiled, in all material respects, on the basis of the applicable criteria involves performing procedures to assess whether the applicable criteria used in the compilation of the pro forma financial information provides a reasonable basis for presenting the significant effects directly attributable to the corporate action or event, and to obtain sufficient appropriate evidence about whether:

- The related pro forma adjustments give appropriate effect to those criteria; and
- The pro forma financial information reflects the proper application of those adjustments to the unadjusted financial information.

Our procedures selected depend on our judgment, having regard to our understanding of the nature of the company, the corporate action or event in respect of which the pro forma financial information has been compiled, and other relevant engagement circumstances.

Our engagement also involves evaluating the overall presentation of the pro forma financial information.

We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

*Opinion*⁹

In our opinion, the pro forma financial information has been compiled, in all material respects, on the basis of the applicable criteria specified by the JSE Listings Requirements and described in <Paragraph X / Annexure X¹⁰>.

Reporting Accountant's Signature

Name of Firm¹¹

Name of individual reporting accountant

Capacity: <Director / Partner>

Registered Auditor

Date of report

Reporting accountant's address

⁹ The JSE should be consulted as soon as it becomes apparent that the reporting accountant may consider issuing a modified opinion on the pro forma financial information.

¹⁰ Appropriate paragraph and / or annexure as identified previously.

¹¹ Both the audit firm and the individual reporting accountant specialist that issues the reporting accountant's report on pro forma financial information for any issuer, or applicant issuer, must be accredited by the JSE.