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(Ref: Para. A60)

EXAMPLE MODIFIED ASSURANCE REPORTS ON compliance

###### Example 1: Qualified reasonable assurance opinion – a material (but not pervasive) misstatement in ABC’s Statement on the entity’s compliance with the [compliance requirements] (Attestation engagement)

###### Example 2: Adverse reasonable assurance opinion – ABC non‑compliant with the [compliance requirements] throughout the specified period (Direct engagement)

###### Example 3: Disclaimer of reasonable assurance opinion – the assurance practitioner is unable to obtain sufficient appropriate evidence of compliance with the [compliance requirements] (Direct engagement)

###### Example 4: Qualified limited assurance conclusion – the assurance practitioner is unable to obtain sufficient appropriate evidence of compliance with the [compliance requirements] (Direct engagement)

*The following examples of modified reasonable and limited assurance reports are for guidance only and are not intended to be exhaustive or applicable to all situations.*

###### Example 1: Qualified reasonable assurance opinion – a material (but not pervasive) misstatement in ABC’s Statement on the entity’s compliance with the [compliance requirements] (Attestation engagement)

…

Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter(s) described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the Statement by ABC that the entity has complied with the [compliance requirements] is, in all material respects, fairly presented as evaluated against the [suitable criteria] [as at [*date*]/ throughout the specified period from [*date*] to [*date*]].

…

Basis for Qualified Opinion

We identified a material matter in ABC’s Statement in relation to [non‑compliance with sXX of Act/Regulation XX]. This has the effect of the [Trustee bank account and cash book procedures not being completed throughout the specified period] as required. We were unable to satisfy ourselves as to ABC’s compliance with this requirement, therefore qualify our opinion in this regard.

…

Assurance Practitioner’s Responsibilities

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

###### Example 2: Adverse reasonable assurance opinion – ABC non‑compliant with the compliance requirements throughout the specified period (Direct engagement)

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Adverse Opinion

In our opinion, ABC has not complied, in all material respects, with the [compliance requirements], as evaluated against the [suitable criteria], throughout the specified period from [date] to [date].

…

Basis for Adverse Opinion

We have identified a material matter in relation to [sXX of Act/Regulation XX] with regard to the procedures and controls regarding ABC’s bank accounts and other assets were not completed and effective throughout the specified period [date] to [date]. This has the effect of ABC not meeting the [conditions imposed under sXX of Act/Regulation XX] and being non‑compliant in this regard.

…

Assurance Practitioner’s Responsibilities

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

…

###### Example 3: Disclaimer of reasonable assurance opinion – the assurance practitioner is unable to obtain sufficient appropriate evidence of compliance with the [compliance requirements] (Direct engagement)

…

Disclaimer of Opinion

Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion section of our report, we do not express an opinion on ABC’s compliance with [compliance requirements], as evaluated against the [suitable criteria] throughout the specified period.

…

Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion

ABC’s computer systems were subject to a cyber‑attack on [date] in which a substantial amount of ABC’s data was destroyed and no back up data retrievable, throughout the period from [date] to [date]. Due to this event we were unable to conduct testing of compliance activities or walk‑throughs relevant to [compliance requirements] throughout the specified period, which would be necessary to form an opinion on whether ABC was complaint with [compliance requirements] throughout the period.

…

Assurance Practitioner’s Responsibilities

Because of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, we are not able to obtain sufficient appropriate evidence to provide a basis for a reasonable assurance opinion on ABC’s compliance with the [compliance requirements], as evaluated against the [suitable criteria].

…

###### Example 4: Qualified limited assurance conclusion – the assurance practitioner is unable to obtain sufficient appropriate evidence of compliance with the [compliance requirements] (Direct engagement)

…

Qualified Conclusion

Based on the procedures we have performed and the evidence we have obtained, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Conclusion paragraph, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that, ABC has not complied, in all material respects, with the [compliance requirements] as evaluated against the [suitable criteria] throughout the specified period from [date] to [date].

…

Basis for Qualified Conclusion

We were unable to obtain sufficient appropriate evidence about ABC’s compliance with [sXX of Act/Regulation XX]. This has the effect of [the Trustee bank account and cash book procedures not being completed in relation to sXX of Act/Regulation XX] throughout the specified period as required. We were unable to satisfy ourselves by alternate procedures, therefore qualify our conclusion in this regard.

…

Assurance Practitioner’s Responsibilities

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