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FINANCIAL REPORTING COUNCIL

GUIDELINES ON REPORTING ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Pursuant to Sections (6)(2)(f) and 39(3)of the Financial Reporting Act, the Financial Reporting Council has issued Guidelines on Reporting on Compliance with the Code of Corporate Governance by the Auditor.

1. Title

These Guidelines may be cited as the Financial Reporting Council (Reporting on Compliance with the Code of Corporate Governance) Guidelines 2013.

2. Interpretation

In these Guidelines –

"Act" means the Financial Reporting Act 2004;

"annual report" has the same meaning as n the Companies Act;

"auditor" means a licensed auditor;

"Audit Report" means the report to be issued by the auditor in compliance with International Standards on Auditing Series 700;

"Code" means the Code of Corporate Governance issued by the National Committee on Corporate Governance and published as General Notice No 844 of 2005;

"Council" means the Financial Reporting Council;

"PIE" means a public interest entity as defined in Section 2 and specified in the First Schedule to the Act.

3. Responsibilities of Auditor

- 3.1 Section 39(3) of the Act stipulates that the auditor shall report on the extent of compliance with the Code of Corporate Governance disclosed in the annual report of the PIE and on whether the disclosure is consistent with the requirements of the Code.
- 3.2 In complying with paragraph 3.1, the auditor shall consider the following:
 - 3.2.1 the Statement of Compliance submitted by the PIE, pursuant to section 75(3) of the Act;
 - 3.2.2 the extent of compliance with the requirements of the Code of Corporate Governance, as disclosed in the "Statement of Compliance" submitted by the PIE;
 - 3.2.3 the "Statement of Compliance" issued by the PIE and corroborate same with the requirements of the Code.
- 3.3 The auditor shall also review the explanations given by the PIE for non-compliance with any requirement of the Code.

4. Reporting by Auditor

- 4.1 The auditor shall report on the extent of compliance by the PIE and on the consistency with the requirements of the Code.
- 4.2 The report under paragraph 4.1 shall be made in the "Reporting on other legal requirements" paragraph in the Auditor's Report, in compliance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA) 700.

- 4.3 The auditor's report shall be as follows:
 - 4.3.1 In case the PIE has complied with the requirements of the Code –

"The Directors are responsible for preparing the corporate governance report. Our responsibility is to report on the extent of compliance with the Code of Corporate Governance as disclosed in the annual report and on whether the disclosure is consistent with the requirements of the Code.

In our opinion, the disclosure in the annual report is consistent with the requirements of the Code."

4.3.2 In case the PIE has partly complied with the Code but did not provide explanations for non-compliance with each requirement of the Code –

"The Directors are responsible for preparing the corporate governance report. Our responsibility is to report on the extent of compliance with the Code of Corporate Governance as disclosed in the annual report and on whether the disclosure is consistent with the requirements of the Code.

The Directors have not given explanations on the requirements of the Code which have not been complied with.

In our opinion, except for the non disclosure and failure to explain the reasons for non-compliance, the disclosure in the annual report is consistent with the requirements of the Code.

4.3.3 In case the PIE has partly complied with the Code and has provided explanations for non-compliance with each requirement of the Code.

The auditor shall report as per paragraph 4.3.1 of this guidelines.

4.3.4 In case the PIE has not complied with the Code and has not provided explanations for not complying with each requirement of the Code

"The Directors are responsible for preparing the corporate governance report. Our responsibility is to report on the extent of compliance with the Code of Corporate Governance as disclosed in the annual report and on whether the disclosure is consistent with the requirements of the Code.

The Directors have not prepared the corporate governance report as required by the Code of Corporate Governance.

In our opinion, the disclosure is not consistent with the requirements of the Code"

Made by the Council on 10 July 2013