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Agenda Item

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Board International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants

Meeting Location: Coronation Room, Hilton Park Lane, London, UK

Meeting Date: December 18-19, 2006

Independence

Objectives of Agenda Item

1. To review and approve for exposure revised Section 290 Independence – Audit and Review Engagements and new Section 291 Independence – Other Assurance Engagements
2. To review the explanatory memo

Background

At its October 2006 meeting the Board reviewed drafts of proposed revised Section 290 and new Section 291, discussed and agreed all matters of substance and provided input to the Task Force¹.

Since the October meeting, the Task Force has held one task force meeting and two conference calls to address comments raised by the Board. The Task Force has also reviewed the results of the Plain English review and incorporated changes as appropriate to simplify the language.

The Task Force has developed an explanatory memorandum which highlights the significant issues in the exposure draft. It also directs respondents to aspects of the exposure draft on which specific comment is sought.

Board members are encouraged to provide any editorial suggestions directly to staff in advance of the meeting.

¹ Jean Rothbarth (chair), Tony Bromell, Ken Dakdduk, Jean-Luc Doyle, Geoff Hopper, Peter Hughes, Thierry Karcher, Neil Lerner, Michael Niehues, Andrew Pinkney, Volker Rohricht

Material Presented

Agenda Paper 2	This paper
Agenda Paper 2-A	Draft Section 290 – Independence Audit and Review Engagements Clean Copy
Agenda Paper 2-B	Draft Section 290 – Independence Audit and Review Engagements Mark-up from Sydney draft
Agenda Paper 2-C	Draft Section 291 – Independence Assurance Engagements Clean Copy
Agenda Paper 2-D	Draft Section 291 – Independence Assurance Engagements Mark-up from Sydney draft
Agenda Paper 2-E	

Please note that the clean copies of (Agenda Papers 2-A and 2-C) and not the mark-up will be used at the meeting for discussion.

Action requested

1. Board members are asked to review and approve for exposure proposed revised Section 290 and new Section 291. The affirmative vote of 12 members of the Board is required for exposure.
2. Board members are asked to review the explanatory memo and provide comment. In particular, Board members are asked to consider the specific requests for comments which are include the memo.