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SRS 4400 - Engagements to Perform Agreed-Upon Procedures (AUP) Regarding Financial Info

Person performing related services need not be auditor of FS

Eg of Related Services

- Preparation of tax returns
- Consulting engagements
- Engagements covered by SRS

Objective

- No assurance is provided by Auditor. Instead, users draw own conclusions - Diff from Audit
- To carry out procedures of audit nature to which auditor, entity & any 3rd parties have agreed & to report on factual findings
- Report is restricted to those parties that have agreed to procedures to be performed, since others may misinterpret results

Eg. of AUP to evaluate A/c Payables

- Comparing names & amounts of suppliers to related names & amount in trial balance
- Obtaining suppliers statements confirmations confirm balances to outstanding
- Comparison of statements or confirmations to amounts in trial balance

General Principles of AUP

- Auditor should comply with Code of Ethics including integrity, objectivity, professional competence & due care, confidentiality, professional conduct & technical standards
- Independence is not required for AUP, unless terms or objective of engagement requires. Where auditor is not independent, statement should be made in report

Terms of Engagement - Matters Included

- Nature of engagement that it is not audit or review & no assurance will be expressed
- Stated Purpose for engagement
- Identification of financial info to apply AUP
- NTE of specific procedures to be applied
- Limitations on distribution of report, If this contradicts L&R, not accept engagement

Elements of Reporting

- Title
- Addressee Appointing Authority
- Identification of Specific Info on which AUP are applied
- Identification of purpose for performing AUP
- Listing of procedures performed
- Statement that procedures performed were those agreed-upon
- Statement that engagement was performed as per this SRS
- Statement that had auditor performed additional procedures/audit/review, other matters would have been reported
- Description of factual finding
- Statement that it is not audit or review
- Statement that report is restricted to those agreeing to AUP
- Statement that report relates only to elements specified & it does not extend to FS
- Date of report
- Place of signature
- Auditor's signature

Engagement Letter - Matters Included

- Auditor sends engagement letter which confirms auditor's acceptance of appointment & helps avoid misunderstandings
- List of procedures to be performed as AUP
- Statement that distribution of report would be restricted to specified users

Procedures & Evidence - includes -

- Inquiry & analysis
- Re computation, comparison & clerical checks
- Observation
- Inspection
- Obtaining confirmations

Documentation

- Matters important to provide evidence to support report of factual findings
- Evidence that engagement was carried out as per this SRS & terms of engagement

SRS 4410 applies to compilation engagements for historical financial info. For other financial info & non-financial info, compilation engagements can be performed under this Standard after necessary adaptation

Compilation engagement may be required for

- To comply with Mandatory Periodic FR Requirements of L&R or
- For other purposes, including -
 - For Mgt or TCWG for their particular purposes
 - For Periodic FR for external parties under contract
 - o For Transactional Purposes

Compilation Engagement is not assurance as it does not require practitioner to verify accuracy or completeness of info or to express audit opinion or review conclusion

Scope of Compilation Engagements

- It will vary. In some cases, Mgt may have already prepared financial info in draft form
- Mgt retains responsibility for financial info, basis of preparation, Judgment & A/cing Policies & estimates
- Diff FRFs can be used to prepare present financial info. FRF adopted by Mgt will depend on nature of entity & use of info

Ethical Requirements

- Practitioner shall comply with ethical requirements
- Since its non-assurance engagement, independence requirements do not apply unless L&R requires

Engagement Acceptance & Continuance

Practitioner shall **not accept** engagement **unless** he has **agreed terms** with Mgt, & engaging party, including -

- Objective & Scope of engagement
- Responsibilities of Practitioner
- Expected form & content of report
- Intended use of financial info & restrictions on use or distribution
- Responsibilities of Mgt for
 - o Financial info & Acceptable FRF
 - Design, implementation & maintenance of IC
 - Accuracy & completeness of docs & explanations provided by Mgt
 - o Judgments in preparation of financial info
- Identification of AFRF

On recurring engagements, practitioner shall evaluate if circumstances require terms to be revised & if there is need to remind Mgt of existing terms

Communication with Mgt & TCWG

All matters concerning compilation engagement that, in practitioner's professional judgment, are of sufficient importance to merit attention of Mgt or TCWG

Engagement Level QC

EP shall take responsibility for -

- Overall quality of each engagement to which he is assigned
- Engagement being performed as per firm's
 QCS

Documentation

- Significant matters arising during engagement & how they were addressed
- Copy of final version of compiled financial info for which Mgt or TCWG has taken responsibility & practitioner's report
- How compiled financial info reconciles with underlying docs & explanations

SRS 4410 - Compilation Engagements

 May also include, trial balance, significant a/cing records or other info used to perform compilation

Performing Engagement

- Practitioner shall obtain understanding of following -
 - Entity's business & operations, including a/cing system & records
 - o AFRF including its application in industry
- He shall compile financial info using doc, explanation & significant judgments, provided by Mat
- He shall discuss with Mgt or TCWG, significant judgments for which he has provided assistance
- Prior to completion of engagement, he shall read compiled financial info
- If doc, explanation & significant judgments, provided by Mgt are incomplete, inaccurate or unsatisfactory, he shall request Mgt for additional or corrected info
- If he is unable to complete engagement because Mgt has failed to provide docs & judgments, as requested, he shall withdraw from engagement & inform Mgt & TCWG of reasons for withdrawing
- If he becomes aware that -
 - Compiled financial info does not adequately describe AFRF
 - Amendments to compiled financial info are required so that its not MM or
 - o Compiled financial info is misleading
- He shall propose appropriate amendments to Mat
- If Mgt declines, he shall withdraw from engagement & inform Mgt & TCWG of reasons for withdrawing
- If withdrawal is not possible, he shall determine PRL responsibilities
- He shall obtain acknowledgement from Mgt or TCWG, that they have taken responsibility for final version of compiled financial info

Elements of Practitioner's Report

- Report Title
- Addressee as per terms of engagement
- Description of practitioner's responsibilities
- Description of what a compilation engagement requires as per this SRS
- Statement that practitioner has compiled financial info based on info provided by Mgt
- Explanations that -
 - Since it is not assurance engagement, practitioner is not required to verify accuracy or completeness of info
 - Accordingly, practitioner does not express audit opinion or review conclusion
- Description of Mgt's & TCWG responsibilities
- Identification, including title of each element & date/period of financial info
- Identification of AFRF & if Special Purpose FRF is used, description of same
- If financial info is prepared using Special Purpose FRF, para that -
 - Describes purpose for preparing financial info & intended users, or reference to note in financial info disclosing this info
 - Draws attention of readers to fact that financial info is prepared as per Special Purpose FRF & may not be suitable for other purposes
- Date of report
- Practitioner's signature
- Place of signature