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## INDEPENDENT REGULATORY BOARD FOR AUDITORS

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### Section 90 (2) of the Companies Act, 2008

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Following our communication to members on 26 October 2012 regarding Section 90(2) of the Companies Act, we confirm below the process going forward, which is planned for the beginning of 2013.

As stated in our communication, the IRBA and SAICA will be conducting an impact analysis on the implications of section 90(2) on audit firms.

However, prior to distributing the questionnaire, which will be developed by individuals with the relevant expertise, the IRBA and SAICA will compile a document that will provide guidance to members on what the following terms constitute:

- Maintenance of a company's financial records;
- Preparation of a company's financial statements; and
- Performing the duties of accountant or bookkeeper or related secretarial services.

The guidance document will be distributed to all members for comment and, once finalised, will inform the impact analysis that will be undertaken.

We believe that it is critical to follow a thorough process and consider all relevant matters that will contribute to producing reliable and useful results.

**Bernard Peter Agulhas**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

*About the IRBA*

*The objective of the IRBA is to endeavour to protect the financial interests of the South African public and international investors in South Africa through the effective and appropriate regulation of audits conducted by registered auditors, in accordance with internationally recognised standards and processes.*