INDEPENDENT REGULATORY BOARD FOR AUDITORS

USE OF THE IRBA LOGO

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The IRBA **<u>does not allow</u>** any registered auditor (RA) to use the **IRBA logo**; and this restriction applies to and includes any RA reports, stationery or websites.

The reasons for the above restriction are as follows:

- The public may interpret the use of the IRBA logo as meaning that the certificate, report or any documentation on which it has been used is correct in substance. However, we cannot provide or be perceived to have provided any such guarantees. Therefore, the IRBA wishes to curtail any perception that the use of its logo denotes that it vouches for the substance of the certificate, report or other documentation from an RA or firm registered with the IRBA.
- An electronic logo may be copied easily and used by persons who are not RAs; as such, the IRBA wishes to avoid the possibility of any such fraudulent use of its logo.

On the other hand, RAs <u>are allowed</u> to use, if they so wish, the **RA logo** on any of their reports, certificates or other correspondence, including on their websites and stationery. If you wish to obtain the RA logo, please contact <u>board@irba.co.za</u>.

Interested parties may confirm the registration of an RA on the "Find an RA" search facility that is available on the IRBA website. This provides interested parties with the ability to search for an RA and firm by name, IRBA number and/or area.

To further confirm an RA's registration, interested parties may also contact the IRBA directly on (087) 940-8800 or by emailing <u>registry@irba.co.za</u>.

It is, however, important to note that the IRBA cannot give verification of the substance of any report, certificate or other documentation emanating from an RA or a firm registered with the IRBA.

RAs may forward this notice to clients, if so required.