IRBA IMPLEMENTS THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION ACT, 4 OF 2013 [POPIA]

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The Protection of Personal Information Act, 4 of 2013 (POPIA) has come into operation. According to POPIA, everyone has the right to data privacy and to have their personal data or information used only for a specific and defined purpose.

In other words, POPIA sets out how the Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors (IRBA) may use your personal information and provides that when it processes your personal information, such collection, retention, dissemination and usage must be done in a lawful and transparent manner.

In order to give effect to this data privacy right, IRBA is under a duty to provide you with a number of details pertaining to how it uses and processes your personal information, which details are housed under the IRBA Auditor and Professional Bodies Processing Notice on the IRBA website. We kindly request that you download and read the Processing Note here <u>https://www.irba.co.za/library/popi-act</u>.

If you have any concerns or queries regarding this matter, in particular how we will be handling your personal information, please make contact with the duly registered IRBA Information Officer or Deputy Information Officer, who will be happy to assist. Please see their details below.

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About the IRBA

The IRBA is a public protection statutory body established to protect the financial interests of the public by ensuring registered auditors and their firms deliver services of the highest quality. It upholds audit firm independence to ensure that audit quality is such that it enhances the accuracy and credibility of financial performance reporting. In this way, the IRBA has an important role to play in building the reputation of South Africa as an investment market for both local and global investors and driving economic growth for the country.

The IRBA also registers suitably qualified accountants as auditors, who must adhere to the highest ethics standards, and promotes the auditing profession through the effective regulation of assurance conducted in accordance with internationally recognised standards and processes