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## INDEPENDENT REGULATORY BOARD FOR AUDITORS

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#### **Invitation to an IRBA Webcast: Unpacking possible enhanced disclosures in the auditor's report in South Africa**

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The IRBA is inviting stakeholders for a Webcast, in which the recently published [Consultation Paper – Enhancing Disclosures in the Auditor's Reports in South Africa: Addressing the Needs of Users of Financial Statements](#) will be discussed.

In the interest of stakeholder engagement and restoring confidence in the auditing profession, given some recent audit failures and corporate scandals, the IRBA published this Consultation Paper, recognising that the audit report is a key communication tool between the auditor and stakeholders. For many shareholders, an auditor's report may be the only communication with the auditor. Therefore, enhancing the value of the audit report could increase confidence in audits, and contribute to enhancing audit quality.

The IRBA Consultation Paper discusses how an audit report can be enhanced and it seeks to explore the usefulness, benefits and drawbacks of additional disclosures in the audit report by auditors, which include:

1. What was covered in the scope of the audit and what materiality was applied by the auditor;
2. The audit effort related to irregularities, including fraud;
3. The audit effort in relation to going concern procedures and conclusions;
4. Where Key Audit Matters have been communicated in the audit report, could disclosure of key observations and outcomes of audit procedures enhance transparency in the audit report;
5. Disclosure of fees for the audit and non-audit services;
6. Whether the Entity is classified as a Public Interest Entity (PIE);
7. Disclosures arising from prior year misstatements; and
8. Disclosures about the threshold for reporting unadjusted misstatements to the audit committee.

These matters will be unpacked in the webcast and there will be an opportunity for the panel to respond to questions from stakeholders. Registration for this event will be vital. Please see registration details for the webcast below.

#### **Webcast details**

Webcast date: 30 August 2021 (10am-12pm)

Registration link: [Click this link to register](#)

Platform: Microsoft Teams

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## **Director: Standards**

### ***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.*

*The statutory responsibility of the CFAS is to assist the IRBA to develop, maintain, adopt, issue or prescribe auditing pronouncements; to consider relevant international changes by monitoring developments by other auditing standard-setting bodies and sharing information where requested; and to promote and ensure the relevance of auditing pronouncements.*