

AGENDA PAPER

Item Number: 10.2

Date of Meeting: 16-17 November 2010

Subject: Six Monthly Review of APES 350 *Participation by Members in Public Practice in Due Diligence Committees in Connection with a Public Document*

Action Required

For Information Only

Purpose

In accordance with APESB's constitution, a Six Monthly Review of APES 350 has been performed to identify and resolve any issues identified by stakeholders.

Background

The Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board (APESB) issued APES 350 *Participation by Members in Public Practice in Due Diligence Committees in Connection with a Public Document* in December 2009 with an effective date of 1 February 2010.

Consideration of Issues

The issues identified are considered in the attached Six Monthly Review of APES 350. Some of the general issues raised by stakeholders were considered by the Board during the APES 350 Standard development process.

These issues are:

- Member's responsibility to act within his or her expertise;
- DDC Observer sign off in the case of US SEC registrants;
- Due Diligence Sign-off in respect of Low doc issues; and
- Member's sign-off in respect of Other Specific Information.

The stakeholders' comments are given in the Appendix to the Six Monthly Review Report.

Staff Recommendation

The Board approve the Six Monthly Review of APES 350 *Participation by Members in Public Practice in Due Diligence Committees in Connection with a Public Document* and adopt the proposed recommendations in the APES 350 Six Monthly Review Report.

Material Presented

- Six Monthly Review Report of APES 350 *Participation by Members in Public Practice in Due Diligence Committees in Connection with a Public Document*;

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