CANADIAN AUDITING STANDARDS
CAS 510
initial audit engagements – opening balances

SUPPLEMENT

This supplement sets out the previous wording of paragraphs that have been amended as a consequence of approving CAS 240, *The Auditor's Responsibilities Relating to Fraud in an Audit of Financial Statements*.

7. If the auditor obtains audit evidence that the opening balances contain misstatements that could materially affect the current period's financial statements, the auditor shall perform such additional audit procedures as are appropriate in the circumstances to determine the effect on the current period's financial statements. If the auditor concludes that such misstatements exist in the current period's financial statements, the auditor shall communicate the misstatements with the appropriate level of management and those charged with governance in accordance with CAS 450. 3

SUPPLEMENT

This supplement sets out the previous wording of paragraphs that have been amended as a consequence of approving CAS 570, *Going Concern*.

Appendix

(Ref: Para. A8)

Illustration 1:

For purposes of this illustrative auditor's report, the following circumstances are assumed:

- Audit of a complete set of financial statements of an entity other than a listed entity using a fair presentation framework. The audit is not a group audit (i.e., CAS 600 1 does not apply).
- The financial statements are prepared by management of the entity in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) (a general purpose framework).
- The terms of the audit engagement reflect the description of management's responsibility for the financial statements in CAS 210. 2
- The auditor did not observe the counting of the physical inventory at the beginning of the current period and was unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the opening balances of inventory.
- The possible effects of the inability to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding opening balances of inventory are deemed to be material but not pervasive to the entity's financial performance and cash flows. 3
- The financial position at year end is fairly presented
- In this particular jurisdiction, law and regulation prohibit the auditor from giving an opinion which is qualified regarding the financial performance and cash flows and unmodified regarding financial position.
- The relevant ethical requirements that apply to the audit are those of Canada.
- Based on the audit evidence obtained, the auditor has concluded that a material uncertainty does not exist related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern in accordance with CAS 570. 4
- The auditor is not required, and has otherwise not decided, to communicate key audit matters in accordance with CAS 701. 5
- The auditor has obtained all of the other information prior to the date of the auditor's report and has not identified a material misstatement of the other information.
- Corresponding figures are presented, and the prior period's financial statements were audited by a predecessor auditor. The auditor is not prohibited by law or regulation from referring to the predecessor auditor's report on the corresponding figures and has decided to do so.
- Those responsible for oversight of the financial statements differ from those responsible for the preparation of the financial statements.
- In addition to the audit of the financial statements, the auditor has other reporting responsibilities required under local law.

Illustration 2:

For purposes of this illustrative auditor's report, the following circumstances are assumed:

- Audit of a complete set of financial statements of an entity other than a listed entity using a fair presentation framework. The audit is not a group audit (i.e., CAS 600 does not apply).

- The financial statements are prepared by management of the entity in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the IASB (a general purpose framework).
- The terms of the audit engagement reflect the description of management's responsibility for the financial statements in CAS 210.
- The auditor did not observe the counting of the physical inventory at the beginning of the current period and was unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the opening balances of inventory.
- The possible effects of the inability to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding opening balances of inventory are deemed to be material but not pervasive to the entity's financial performance and cash flows. 9
- The financial position at year end is fairly presented.
- An opinion that is qualified regarding the financial performance and cash flows and unmodified regarding financial position is considered appropriate in the circumstances.
- The relevant ethical requirements that apply to the audit are those of Canada.
- Based on the audit evidence obtained, the auditor has concluded that a material uncertainty does not exist related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern in accordance with CAS 570.
- The auditor is not required, and has otherwise not decided, to communicate key audit matters in accordance with CAS 701.
- The auditor has obtained all of the other information prior to the date of the auditor's report and has not identified a material misstatement of the other information.
- Corresponding figures are presented, and the prior period's financial statements were audited by a predecessor auditor. The auditor is not prohibited by law or regulation from referring to the predecessor auditor's report on the corresponding figures and has decided to do so.
- Those responsible for oversight of the financial statements differ from those responsible for the preparation of the financial statements.
- In addition to the audit of the financial statements, the auditor has other reporting responsibilities required under local law.

SUPPLEMENT

This supplement sets out the previous wording of paragraphs that have been amended as a consequence of revisions to IAS 1 *Presentation of Financial Statements*, which were published in Part 1 of the CPA Canada Handbook – Accounting in June 2021. The revisions require entities to disclose material accounting policy information rather than significant accounting policies.

Appendix

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Illustrations of Auditors' Reports with Modified Opinions

Illustration 1

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of ABC Company (the Company), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 20X1, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

Illustration 2

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of ABC Company (the Company), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 20X1, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

Footnotes

3. 3 CAS 450, *Evaluation of Misstatements Identified during the Audit*, paragraphs 8 and 12

1. CAS 600, *Special Considerations — Audits of Group Financial Statements (Including the Work of Component Auditors)*
2. CAS 210, *Agreeing the Terms of Audit Engagements*

3. If the possible effects, in the auditor's judgment, are considered to be material and pervasive to the entity's financial performance and cash flows, the auditor would disclaim an opinion on the financial performance and cash flows.

4. CAS 570, *Going Concern*

5. CAS 701, *Communicating Key Audit Matters in the Independent Auditor's Report*

9. If the possible effects, in the auditor's judgment, are considered to be material and pervasive to the entity's financial performance and cash flows, the auditor would disclaim the opinion on the financial performance and cash flows.
