

External auditor's report on special purpose financial information for consolidation purposes – public entity's alternative version for use by section 4(3) auditors

To: National Metrology Institute of South Africa

CC: National Treasury and AGSA consolidation teams

We have audited the accompanying special purpose financial information of National Metrology Institute of South Africa as at 31 March 2016 and for the year then ended, comprising the completed annual financial statements template with the following worksheets: audited GRAP financial statements; inter-entity transactions and balances; summary of uncorrected audit misstatements; and GRAP conversion journals, which are attached to this report and initialled for identification purposes. The special purpose financial information has been prepared by the management of National Metrology Institute of South Africa based on the financial reporting provisions issued in the 2015-16 consolidated group instructions on final consolidation process, dated 02 March 2016.

The special purpose financial information was derived from the audited annual financial statements. We were engaged to audit the financial statements of National Metrology Institute of South Africa upon which we expressed an unqualified opinion on whether the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position as at 31 March 2016 of National Metrology Institute of South Africa and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with GRAP.

Management's responsibility for the special purpose financial information

Management is responsible for the preparation of this special purpose financial information in accordance with financial reporting provisions and for such internal controls as management determines are necessary to enable the preparation of special purpose financial information that is free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this special purpose financial information based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing, the consolidated group instructions on final consolidation process, dated 02 March 2016, and *Instruction note no. 1*, dated 12 July 2016, as issued by the Auditor-General of South Africa. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements, and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the special purpose financial information is free from material misstatements.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the special purpose financial information. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the special purpose financial information, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the special purpose financial information in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the special purpose financial information.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our unqualified audit opinion on the special purpose financial information.

Opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying special purpose financial information for National Metrology Institute of South Africa as at 31 March 2016 and for the year then ended has been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the consolidated group instructions on final consolidation process, dated 02 March 2016.

Ernst & Young Inc.

Ernst & Young Inc
Director – Kuben Moodley
Registered auditor
Chartered Accountant (SA)

29 July 2016