

Press Release

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Completed investigation

On 4 February 2020, the FRC adopted the investigation report on the audit of the consolidated financial statements of a listed entity for the year ended 31 December 2014.

The FRC found that the auditor, the engagement partner and the engagement quality control reviewer failed or neglected to observe, maintain or otherwise apply certain professional standards in the relevant audit in relation to (a) impairment assessments on amounts due from subsidiaries; and (b) loss on extinguishment of financial liabilities and accounting of convertible notes.

The investigation revealed that the auditor and the engagement partner failed to properly perform the relevant audit, in relation to the above matters, in accordance with the relevant provisions of Hong Kong Standard on Auditing (HKSA) 200 (Clarified) *Overall Objectives of the Independent Auditor and the Conduct of an Audit in Accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing* and HKSA 500 (Clarified) *Audit Evidence*.

It was also found that the engagement quality control reviewer of the relevant audit failed to fully comply with the relevant provisions of HKSA 220 (Clarified) *Quality Control for an Audit of Financial Statements*.

The investigation report has been referred to the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants to determine if any disciplinary actions are warranted. Names of the relevant parties are withheld because of the potential disciplinary proceedings.

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Note to editors

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