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Dear Mr Joy,

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International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants ("IESBA") Exposure Draft Proposed Revisions to the Definitions of Listed Entity and Public Interest Entity in the Code

Thank you for your letter dated 9 February 2021 inviting our comments on the above exposure draft released by the IESBA in January 2021 ("the Exposure Draft").

The Exposure Draft proposes revisions to the definitions of the terms "listed entity" and "public interest entity" ("PIE") in the International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) ("the Code"). The proposed revisions will bring greater clarity to the concept of PIE under the Code, and will include more categories of entities, given the level of public interest in their financial condition, for the purposes of additional independence requirements to enhance confidence in their audits.

We welcome the IESBA's effort in revising the definitions of the above-mentioned terms in the Code to ensure that they remain relevant and fit for purpose. Insofar as tax administration is concerned, we have no comment on the proposed revisions set out in the Exposure Draft. We are grateful for the opportunity to provide our comments on the Exposure Draft.

Yours sincerely,

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for Commissioner of Inland Revenue