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Professor Mervyn King Chairman International Integrated Reporting Committee

Response e-mailed to dpresponses@theiirc.org

RE: <u>IIRC's Discussion Paper - Towards Integrated Reporting - Communicating Value in the</u> 21st Century

Dear Professor King:

The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the IIRC's Discussion Paper - Towards Integrated Reporting - Communicating Value in the 21st Century. We collaborated with a number of internal audit thought leaders in the United States and globally in developing our comments. Our comments are based on discussions conducted by a core team of internal audit professionals who serve on The IIA's Professional Issues Committee. These professionals consist of Certified Public Accountants, Chartered Accountants, and Certified Internal Auditors who have worked in the public and private sectors, internal and external auditing, and small, medium, and large domestic and multinational companies.

We appreciate the ambitious nature of this project and look forward to the next iteration and pilot program. An integrated reporting framework will be useful to reporting entities as well as investors and other constituents, if the framework is universally accepted, if it replaces current reporting structures and if the benefits outweigh the costs. Another matter to be addressed is the clarity and definition of the details in the framework; measurements need to be universally understood and consistently accumulated and reported so they are susceptible to audit. Our more detailed comments and observations are included in Appendix A.

The IIA welcomes the opportunity to discuss any and all of these comments with you. We offer our assistance to the IIRC in the continued development of the concepts surrounding integrated reporting.

Best regards,

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