

Independent audit report to the members of Financial Executives International of Australia

(a company limited by guarantee)

Audit opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of Financial Executives International of Australia:

- gives a true and fair view, as required by the *Corporations Act 2001* in Australia, of the financial position of Financial Executives International of Australia as at 31 March 2005 and of its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and
- is presented in accordance with Accounting Standards and other mandatory financial reporting requirements in Australia to the extent described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the *Corporations Act 2001* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

This opinion must be read in conjunction with the rest of our audit report.

Scope

The financial report and directors' responsibility

The financial report, being a special purpose financial report, comprises the statement of financial position, statement of financial performance, statement of cash flows, accompanying notes to the financial statements, and the directors' declaration for Financial Executives International of Australia (the company), for the year ended 31 March 2005. It has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the directors' financial reporting requirements under the *Corporations Act 2001*.

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and true and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*. This includes responsibility for the maintenance of adequate accounting records and internal controls that are designed to prevent and detect fraud and error, and for the accounting policies and accounting estimates inherent in the financial report.

The directors have determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial statements, including the basis of accounting, which forms part of the financial report, are appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the needs of the members.

Audit approach

We conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the company. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, and described in Note 1, are appropriate to the needs of the members. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this audit report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which they were prepared.

Our audit was conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. The nature of an audit is influenced by factors such as the use of professional judgement, selective testing, the inherent limitations of internal control, and the availability of persuasive rather than conclusive evidence. Therefore, an audit cannot guarantee that all material misstatements have been detected. For further explanation of an audit, visit our website <http://www.pwc.com/au/financialstatementaudit>.

We performed procedures to assess whether in all material respects the financial report presents fairly, in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, a view which is consistent with our understanding of the company's financial position, and its performance as represented by the results of its operations and cash flows. These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and other mandatory financial reporting requirements in Australia.

We formed our audit opinion on the basis of these procedures, which included:

- examining, on a test basis, information to provide evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial report, and
- assessing the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors.

Our procedures include reading the other information in the Annual Report to determine whether it contains any material inconsistencies with the financial report.

While we considered the effectiveness of management's internal controls over financial reporting when determining the nature and extent of our procedures, our audit was not designed to provide assurance on internal controls.

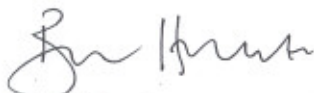
Our audit did not involve an analysis of the prudence of business decisions made by directors or management.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements and the *Corporations Act 2001*.



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