

Audit Representation Letter from Trustee(s)

**T & A Mason SMSF ABN: 92975662913**

**Year ended 30 June 2022**

To the auditor,

Dear Sir,

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial report of the T & A Mason SMSF (the Fund) and the Fund's compliance with the Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993 (SISA) and SIS Regulations (SISR), for the year ended 30 June 2022, for the purpose of you expressing an opinion as to whether the financial report is, in all material respects, presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies adopted by the Fund and the Fund complied, in all material respects, with the relevant requirements of SISA and SISR.

The trustees have determined that the Fund is not a reporting entity for the year ended 30 June 2022 and that the requirement to apply Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory reporting requirements do not apply to the Fund. Accordingly, the financial report prepared is a special purpose financial report which is for distribution to members of the Fund and to satisfy the requirements of the SISA and SISR. We acknowledge our responsibility for ensuring that the financial report is in accordance with the accounting policies as selected by ourselves and requirements of SISA and SISR, and confirm that the financial report is free of material misstatements, including omissions.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the following representations made to you during your audit.

**1. Sole purpose test**

The Fund is maintained for the sole purpose of providing benefits for each member on their retirement, death, termination of employment or ill-health.

**2. Trustees are not disqualified**

No disqualified person acts as a director of the trustee company or as an individual trustee as defined by SISA.

**3. Fund's governing rules, trustees' responsibilities and fund conduct**

The Fund meets the definition of a self-managed superannuation Fund under SISA, including that no member is an employee of another member, unless they are relatives and no trustee or director of the corporate trustee receives any remuneration for any duties or services performed by the trustee or director in relation to the Fund.

The Fund has been conducted in accordance with its governing rules at all times during the year and there were no amendments to the governing rules during the year, except as notified to you.

The trustees have complied with all aspects of the trustee requirements of the SISA and SISR.

The trustees are not subject to any contract or obligation which would prevent or hinder the trustees in properly executing their functions and powers.

The Fund has been conducted in accordance with SISA, SISR and the governing rules of the Fund.

The Fund has complied with the requirements of the SISA and SISR specified in the approved form auditor's report as issued by the ATO, which are sections 17A, 35AE, 35B, 35C(2), 62, 65, 66, 67, 67A, 67B, 82-85, 103, 104, 104A, 105, 109 and 126K of the SISA and regulations 1.06(9A), 4.09, 4.09A, 5.03, 5.08, 6.17, 7.04, 8.02B, 13.12, 13.13, 13.14 and 13.18AA of the SISR.

All contributions accepted and benefits paid have been in accordance with the governing rules of the Fund and relevant provisions of the SISA and SISR taking into account contributions paid to other superannuation funds.

Appropriate Risk Management Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Guidelines set out in the APRA Circular on Risk Management Statements for Superannuation Entities investing in Derivatives.

There have been no irregularities involving the Trustee or any of the Trustee's management that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

We confirm that we have distributed all required reports and other information to members in the form and including the minimum information as required by the SISA at the relevant times specified by the SISA. This information has been distributed within the timeframe set out in the SISA and SISR.

#### **4. Investment strategy**

The investment strategy has been determined and reviewed with due consideration to risk, return, liquidity, diversification and the insurance needs of Fund members, and that the Fund's investments are in line with this investment strategy.

#### **5. Accounting policies**

All the significant accounting policies of the Fund are adequately described in the financial report and the notes attached thereto. These policies are consistently applied unless specifically noted in the Financial Statements and Notes.

#### **6. Fund books and records**

All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial report. We have made available to you all financial records and related data, other information, explanations and assistance necessary for the conduct of the audit; and minutes of all meetings of the trustees.

We have considered the risk of fraud and determined it is not likely to impact the reliability of the financial report.

All accounting records, statements and financial reports have been kept and maintained for at least 5 years.

Minutes, records of trustees' meetings, copies of all member or beneficiary reports, up to date record of all trustee or director of corporate trustee changes and trustee consents have been kept and retain for at least 10 years and trustee declarations in the approved form have been signed and kept for each trustee appointed after 30 June 2007.

There are no assets or liabilities of the Fund that have not been disclosed to you or the Fund Administration Manager. The Financial Statements accurately disclose the full extent of the assets and liabilities of the Fund.

### **7. Asset form and valuation**

The assets of the Fund are being held in a form suitable for the benefit of the members of the Fund, and are in accordance with our investment strategy.

Investments are carried in the books at market value. Such amounts are considered reasonable in light of present circumstances.

We have no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying values, or classification, of assets and liabilities.

There are no commitments, fixed or contingent, for the purchase or sale of long-term investments that have not been disclosed in the financial report.

The Trustee has complied with all the investment standards and rules contained in the SISA and all investments held at 30 June 2022 and investment transactions for the year then ended were undertaken in accordance with the Fund's investment strategy.

### **8. Significant assumptions**

We believe that significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates are reasonable.

### **9. Uncorrected misstatements**

We believe the effects of those uncorrected financial report misstatements aggregated by the auditor during the audit are immaterial, both individually and in aggregate, to the financial report taken as a whole.

### **10. Ownership and pledging of assets**

The Fund has satisfactory title to all assets appearing in the statement of financial position. All investments are registered in the name of the Fund, where possible, and are in the custody of the respective trustee.

There are no liens or encumbrances on any assets or benefits and no assets, benefits or interests in the Fund have been pledged or assigned to secure liabilities of others.

All assets of the Fund are held separately from the assets of the members, employers and the trustees. All assets are acquired, maintained and disposed of on an arm's length basis and appropriate action is taken to protect the assets of the Fund.

### **11. Related parties**

Related party transactions and related amounts receivable have been properly recorded or disclosed in the financial report.

Acquisitions from, loans to, leasing of assets to and investments in related parties have not exceeded the in-house asset restrictions in the SISA at the time of the investment, acquisition or at year end.

The Fund has not made any loans or provided financial assistance to members of the Fund or their relatives.

### **12. Borrowings**

The Fund has not borrowed money or maintained any borrowings during the period, with the exception of borrowings which were allowable under SISA.

### **13. Fraud, error and non-compliance**

There has been no:

- a. Fraud, error or non-compliance with laws and regulations involving management who have a significant role in internal control;
- b. Fraud, error or non-compliance with laws and regulations that could have a material effect on the financial report; and
- c. Communications from regulatory agencies concerning non-compliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices that could have a material effect on the financial report.

There are no violations or possible violations of laws or regulations whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial report or as a basis for recording an expense. There have been no communications from any regulatory body concerning a contravention of the SISA, SISR and or the Corporations Act 2001, which has occurred, is occurring, or is about to occur.

### **14. Internal controls**

We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal controls to prevent and detect fraud and error.

We have established and maintained an adequate internal control structure to facilitate the preparation of reliable financial reports, and adequate financial records have been maintained.

There are no material transactions that have not been properly recorded in the accounting records underlying the financial report.

We confirm that we have adequate control in place in relation to internet transactions including online share trading. All transactions that have been recorded and occurred were for the benefit of all members of the Fund.

**15. Significant events**

We have not become aware of any event that would have a significant adverse effect on the financial position of the Fund or the members of the Fund.

**16. Going concern assumption**

We confirm that we have no knowledge of any events or conditions that would cast significant doubt on the fund's ability to continue as a going concern.

**17. Subsequent events**

No events or transactions have occurred since the date of the financial report, or are pending, which would have a significant adverse effect on the Fund's financial position at that date, or which are of such significance in relation to the Fund as to require mention in the notes to the financial statements in order to ensure they are not misleading as to the financial position of the Fund or its operations.

**18. Outstanding legal action**

The trustees confirm that there is no outstanding legal action or claims against the Fund. There have been no communications from the ATO concerning a contravention of SISA or SISR which has occurred, is occurring, or is about to occur.

We understand that your examination was made in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and applicable Standards on Assurance Engagements and was, therefore, designed primarily for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial report of the Fund taken as a whole, and on the compliance of the Fund with specified requirements of SISA and SISR, and that your tests of the financial and compliance records and other auditing procedures were limited to those which you considered necessary for that purpose.

Yours faithfully

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Signature of Trustee

Date 08-04-2023

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