

Terms of Engagement for SMSF Audit

1. Purpose

This Terms of Engagement for Audit Engagement Services (TE) confirms our understanding of the engagement and the nature and limitations of services provided.

2. The objective and scope of the audit

- 2.1 You have requested that we audit the XYZ (the Fund):
- a. financial report, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023 and the notes to the financial statements; and
 - b. compliance during the same period with the requirements of the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993* (SISA) and SIS Regulations (SISR) specified in the approved form auditor's report as issued by the Australian Taxation Office (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.
- 2.2 We are pleased to confirm our acceptance and our understanding of this engagement by means of this letter. Our audit will be conducted pursuant to the SISA with the objective of our expressing an opinion on the financial report and the Fund's compliance with the specified requirements of the SISA and SISR.
- 2.3 We wish to draw your attention to our firm's system of quality control which has been established and maintained in accordance with the relevant APESB standard. As a result, our files may be subject to review as part of the quality control review program of the Accounting Profession which monitors compliance with professional standards by its members. We advise you that by accepting our engagement you acknowledge that, if requested, our files relating to this engagement will be made available under this program. Should this occur, we will advise you.

3. The responsibilities of the auditor

- 3.2 We will conduct our financial audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and our compliance engagement in accordance with applicable Standards on Assurance Engagements, issued by the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (AUASB) and with and the Accounting Professionals and Ethical Standards APES 210 *Conformity with Auditing and Assurance Standards*. These standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit and assurance engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement and that you have complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements of the SISA and SISR.
- 3.3 The annual audit of the financial reports and records of the Fund must be carried out during and after the end of each year of income. In accordance with section 35C of the SISA, we are required to provide to the trustees of the Fund an auditor's report in the approved form within the

prescribed time as set out in the SISR, 28 days after the trustees have provided all documents relevant to the preparation of the auditor's report.

3.4 **Financial audit**

A financial audit involves performing audit procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. A financial audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of the financial reporting framework, accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the trustees, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report. Due to the test nature and other inherent limitations of an audit, together with the inherent limitations of any accounting and internal control system, there is an unavoidable risk that even some material misstatements may remain undiscovered.

In making our risk assessments, we consider internal controls relevant to the Fund's preparation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal controls. However, we expect to provide you with a separate letter concerning any significant deficiencies in the Fund's system of accounting and internal controls that come to our attention during the audit of the financial report. This will be in the form of a letter to the trustee.

3.5 **Compliance engagement**

A compliance engagement involves performing audit procedures to obtain audit evidence about the Fund's compliance with the provisions of the SISA and SISR specified in the ATO's approved form auditor's report.

Our compliance engagement with respect to investments includes determining whether the investments are made for the sole purpose of funding members' retirement, death or disability benefits and whether you have an investment strategy for the Fund, which has been reviewed regularly and gives due consideration to risk, return, liquidity, diversification and the insurance needs of members. Our procedures will include testing whether the investments are made for the allowable purposes in accordance with the investment strategy, but not for the purpose of assessing the appropriateness of those investments to the members.

3.6 During the course of our engagement, if we identify or suspect that Non-Compliance with Laws or Regulations (NOCLAR) has occurred or may occur, which may have a direct effect on material amounts or disclosures in the financial statements or compliance and may be fundamental to the fund's ability to continue its business or to avoid material penalty, we may:

- 3.5.1 discuss the matter with the appropriate level of management, those charged with governance or the internal auditor, as appropriate
- 3.5.2 communicate the non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with the trustee and external auditor, unless prohibited by law or regulation
- 3.5.3 disclose the matter to an appropriate authority even when there is no legal or regulatory requirement to do so; and/or
- 3.5.4 withdraw from the engagement and the professional relationship where permitted by law or regulation

3.6 Where appropriate we may inform you of our intention to disclose the matter to an appropriate authority before disclosing the matter. However, if we have reason to believe that the actual or intended conduct would constitute an imminent breach of a law or regulation that would cause substantial harm to the general public, we may immediately disclose the matter to an appropriate

authority in order to prevent or mitigate the consequences of such imminent breach of law or regulation.

- 3.7 Any information pertaining to your affairs, whether it be provided by you, or through a Trusted Adviser, will be utilised and stored in an appropriate manner to maintain our professional standards and obligations. Further information on privacy is noted at section 10 of this letter.

4. The responsibilities of the trustees

- 4.1 We take this opportunity to remind you that it is the responsibility of the trustees to ensure that the Fund, at all times, complies with the SISA and SISR as well as any other legislation relevant to the Fund. The trustees are also responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report.
- 4.2 Our auditor's report will explain that the trustees are responsible for the preparation and the fair presentation of the financial report and for determining that the accounting policies used are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the SMSF's governing rules, comply with the requirements of SISA and SISR and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. This responsibility includes:
- Establishing and maintaining controls relevant to the preparation of a financial report that is free from misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. The system of accounting and internal control should be adequate in ensuring that all transactions are recorded and that the recorded transactions are valid, accurate, authorised, properly classified and promptly recorded, so as to facilitate the preparation of reliable financial information. This responsibility to maintain adequate internal controls also extends to the Fund's compliance with SIS including any Circulars and Guidelines issued by a relevant regulator to the extent applicable. The internal controls should be sufficient to prevent and/or detect material non-compliance with such legislative requirements;
 - Selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies;
 - Making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances; and
- 4.3 Making available to us all the books of the Fund, including any registers and general documents, minutes and other relevant papers of all Trustee meetings and giving us any information, explanations and assistance, we require for the purposes of our audit. Section 35C(2) of SISA requires that Trustees must give to the auditor any document, relevant to the conduct of the audit, that the auditor requests in writing within 14 days of the request.¹
- 4.4 As part of our audit process, we will request from the trustees written confirmation concerning representations made to us in connection with the audit.

¹ If the Fund is a reporting entity this sentence requires amendment to read: 'Our auditor's report will explain that the trustees are responsible for the preparation and the fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards'.

5. Reporting

5.1 Our audit report is prepared for the members of the Fund and we disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on our report, or on the financial report to which it relates, to any person other than the members of the Fund, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

5.2 Report on matters identified

Under section 129 of the SISA, we are required to report to you in writing, if during the course of, or in connection with, our audit, we become aware of any contravention of the SISA or SISR which we believe has occurred, is occurring or may occur. Furthermore, you should be aware that we are also required to notify the ATO of certain contraventions of the SISA and SISR that we become aware of during the audit, which meet the tests stipulated by the ATO, irrespective of the materiality of the contravention or action taken by the trustees to rectify the matter. Finally, under section 130, we are required to report to you and the ATO if we believe the financial position of the Fund may be or may be about to become unsatisfactory.

5.3 You should not assume that any matters reported to you, or that a report that there are no matters to be communicated, indicates that there are no additional matters, or matters that you should be aware of in meeting your responsibilities. The completed audit report may be provided to you as a signed hard copy or a signed electronic version

6. Independence

6.1 We confirm that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the engagement team meets the current independence requirements of the SISA and SISR including APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* in relation to the audit of the Fund. In conducting our financial audit and compliance engagement, should we become aware that we have contravened the independence requirements, we shall notify you on a timely basis.

7. Administration, Fees and Billings

7.2 Our professional fees will be calculated primarily on a fixed fee basis, however the fee may exceed fixed fee which is applied to "standard" Fund's with no breaches or contraventions and low level of complexities and transactions.

7.3 Our invoices may also include disbursements paid by us. These may include photocopying charges, telephone and facsimile transmission charges, travel fares and expenses, stamp duty and fees paid to third parties such as couriers, registration fees or fees for other professionals.

7.4 Unless other payment terms are agreed, each invoice is payable within 7 days of receipt.

7.5 If the engagement involves the use of trust monies, we will manage those funds in accordance with APES 310 Client Monies and as authorised by you in the Trust Account Authority Letter or as otherwise instructed by you.

8. Ownership of materials

- 8.2 You own all original materials given to us.
- 8.3 We own all materials produced by us that resulted from our skill and attention to the extent that the materials produced by us incorporate any original materials you give to us.
- 8.4 We may exercise a lien of your documents in our possession in the event of a dispute, which will be handled in accordance with our firm's dispute resolution process.
- 8.5 Subject to the payment of all outstanding professional fees and disbursements owing to us, we will provide you with materials produced by us for you in the event you engage the services of another practitioner and the materials are required by your new practitioner.

9. Privacy

- 9.2 Our collection use and disclosure of your personal information (PI) may be subject to the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) and accordingly we will only collect PI about you that relates to the TE. We may disclose PI about you for the primary purpose of this TE or to third parties by express consent or as required by law.
- 9.3 We may collect PI about you, your representatives, your clients and others when we provide services to you. If we do, you agree to work with us to ensure that we both meet our respective obligations under the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth). Your obligations may include ensuring your privacy policy and contracts include a reference to your collection practices, how you will use the PI and that you may disclose the PI to an agent for public accounting services.
- 9.4 We may from time to time engage third party specialist professionals where warranted to obtain the advice or to assist us to provide our services to you. This may include cloud service providers and outsourced service providers.
- 9.5 Where an outsourced service requires the disclosure of PI to an overseas recipient, we take care to ensure that other third parties outside Australia to whom we disclose PI are subject to contractual obligations relating to privacy and the handling of your personal information and can only use the information for the purposes stipulated by us.

10. Confidentiality

- 11.1 We have an ethical duty of confidentiality, which means we must not share or disclose your details of this TE to anyone, except as otherwise specified in this clause, without your consent unless required to by law.

12. Professional Indemnity Insurance (PII)

- 12.1 We hold professional indemnity insurance of at least the minimum amount prescribed in the CPA Australia Ltd By-Laws or as required by law.

13. Professional Standards Scheme & Limitation of Liability

- 13.1 We participate in the CPA Australia Ltd Professional Standards Scheme (Scheme), which facilitates the improvement of professional standards to protect consumers and may limit our liability to you in a cause of action.
- 13.2 The Scheme applies to professional accounting services including accounting, bookkeeping, taxation, auditing and assurance, insolvency and corporate reconstruction, management accounting, management consulting, forensic accounting, valuation services.

14. Other

- 14.1 This letter will be effective for future years unless we advise you of its amendment or replacement, or the engagement is terminated.

Please sign and return the attached copy of this letter to indicate that it is in accordance with your understanding of the arrangements for our financial audit and compliance engagement.

Yours faithfully,
Acknowledged on behalf of the trustees and members:

Gary Longbottom

Gary Longbottom (Oct 27, 2023 06:23 GMT+10)

Gary Longbottom

Director

10/27/2023

Dated:

Yours Sincerely
Super Audits Pty Ltd

Dated: 26/10/2023

Christine Longbottom

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Christine Longbottom

Director

10/27/2023

Dated:

GCL Super Fund
27 Whitehaven Way
Pelican Waters QLD 4551

26/10/2023

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Rundle Mall SA 5000

To the Auditor,

Re: Trustee Representation Letter – Year Ended 30 June 2023

Superannuation Fund Name: GCL Super Fund
Superannuation ABN: 29 216 686 090

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial report of the XYZ Fund and the Fund's compliance with the Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993 (SISA) and SIS Regulations (SISR), for the year ended, 2023 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 20xx 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 the 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 are 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/an individual trustee.

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/director of the corporate trustee, receives any remuneration for any duties or services performed by the trustee/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 the SISA, the 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, 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 and 13.22C 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.

There have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning non-compliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices that could have a material effect on the financial report *or we have disclosed to you all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial report and the Auditor's/actuary contravention report.*

4. Investment Strategy

The investment strategy has been determined and reviewed with due regard to risk, including recoverability of investments, return, liquidity, diversity and the insurance needs of Fund members, and the assets of the Fund are in line with this 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 consistent with the policies adopted last year.

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 acknowledge our responsibility for the design and implementation of internal controls to prevent and detect error and fraud. 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 have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial report may be materially misstated as a result of fraud. We have disclosed to you all information in relation to fraud or suspected fraud that we are aware of and that affects the Fund and involves the Trustees or others.

In instances where the fund uses a custodian, we confirm we have not been advised of any fraud, non-compliance with laws and regulations or uncorrected misstatements that would affect the financial report of the fund.

Information retention obligations have been complied with, including:

- Accounting records and financial reports are being kept for five (5) years,
- Minutes and records of trustees'/directors of the corporate trustee meetings/decisions are being kept for ten (10) years;
- Records of trustees'/directors of the corporate trustees' changes and trustees' consents are being kept for at least ten (10) years;
- Copies of all member or beneficiary reports are being kept for ten (10) years; and
- Trustee declarations in the approved form have been signed and are being kept for each Trustee appointed after 30 June 2007.

7. Fraud, error and non-compliance

There have been no:

- a) Frauds, error or non-compliance with laws and regulations involving management or employees who have a significant role in the internal control structure that could have a material effect on the financial report.
- b) Communications from regulatory agencies concerning non-compliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices that could have a material effect on the financial report.
- c) Violations or possible violations of laws or regulations whose effects should have been considered for disclosure in the financial report or as a basis for recording an expense.

8. 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 their net 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.

We have assessed their recoverability and we are comfortable that the fund will be able, if needed, to realise these assets.

There are no commitments, fixed or contingent, for the purchase or sale of long-term investments.

9. Safeguarding Assets

We have considered the importance of safeguarding the assets of the fund, and we confirm we have the following procedures in place to achieve this:

- Authorised signatories on bank and investment accounts are regularly reviewed and considered appropriate; and
- Tangible assets are, where appropriate, adequately insured and appropriately stored.

10. Significant Assumptions

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

11. 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.

12. Payment of benefits

Benefits have been calculated and provided to members in accordance with the provisions of the Fund's governing rules and the relevant legislation.

The Trustee has revalued Member/s benefits to market value just prior to paying out a portion or all of a member's account balance.

13. Related Parties

We have disclosed to you the identity of the Fund's related parties and all related party transactions and relationships. Related party transactions and related amounts receivable have been properly recorded or disclosed in the financial report.

If there are any acquisitions from, loans to, leasing of assets to and investments in related parties, then these transactions and assets have not exceeded the in-house asset restrictions in the SISA at the time of 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, pursuant to section 65 of the SIS Act.

If the Fund owns residential property the members, of the Fund or associates or other related parties do not lease, or use the property for personal use.

14. Acquisitions from related parties

No assets have been acquired by the Fund from members or associates or other related parties of the Fund other than those assets specifically exempted by Section 66 of SISA.

15. Borrowings

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

16. 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.

17. Outstanding Legal Action

We confirm that you have been advised of all significant legal matters, and that all known actual or possible litigation and claims have been adequately accounted for, and been appropriately disclosed in the financial report. There have been no communications from the ATO concerning a contravention of the SISA or SISR which has occurred, is occurring or is about to occur.

18. Going Concern

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

19. Residency

The Trustees declare that the Fund was a resident Australian superannuation fund at all times during the year of income.

20. Investment Returns

Investment returns of the Fund have been allocated to members in a manner that is fair and reasonable.

21. Insurance

Where the Fund has taken out a life insurance policy on behalf of a member, the Trustee confirms that the Fund is the beneficial owner.

The Trustee also confirms that the Fund has not purchased a policy over the life of a member, where the purchase is a condition and consequence of a buy-sell agreement the member has entered into with another individual.

22. Limiting powers of Trustees

The Trustees have not entered into a contract or done anything else, that would prevent the Trustees from, or hinder the Trustees in, properly performing or exercising the Trustees' functions and powers.

23. Collectables and Personal Use Assets

If the Trustees own collectables and/or personal use assets these assets are not being used for personal use.

24. 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. A summary of such items is attached.

25. Additional Matters

Include any additional matters relevant to the particular circumstances of the audit, for example:

- The work of an expert has been used; or
- Justification for a change in accounting policy

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 sincerely,

Gary Longbottom

Gary Longbottom (Oct 27, 2023 06:23 GMT+10)

Gary Longbottom
Director

For and on behalf of the Trustee(s)

10/27/2023

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Final Audit Report

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