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Audit Representation Letter from Trustee(s)

J & S Nicol Superannuation Fund ABN: 86 460 345 060

Year ended 30 June 2023

Dear Anthony,

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial report of the Superannuation Fund (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 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 2023 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 2023 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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(Important: All SMSF trustees to sign the letter)

14-Sep-2023

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Date

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Dear Trustees

**J & S Nicol Superannuation Fund
Audit Engagement Letter**

Objectives and Scope of the Audit

You have requested that we audit the financial statements of the SMSF for the year ended 30 June 2023. We are pleased to confirm our acceptance and understanding of this engagement by means of this letter.

Our audit will be performed in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993* (SISA) and the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Regulations* (SISR) with the objective of expressing an opinion on the financial report and the fund's compliance with the specified requirements of the SISA and the SISR.

Our Responsibilities

We will conduct our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An 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. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of the financial reporting framework, accounting policies used and the implementation and operation of accounting and internal control systems that are designed to prevent and detect fraud and error, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, together with the inherent limitations of internal control, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatement may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

In making our risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the entity'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 entity's internal control. We will, however, communicate to you in writing any significant deficiencies in internal control relevant to the audit of the financial report that we have identified during the audit.

Trustees' Responsibilities

Our audit will be conducted on the basis that the trustee(s) acknowledge and understand that they have responsibilities:

- For the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, other mandatory reporting requirements and the SIS Act and SIS Regulations is that of the trustee(s);
- For such internal control as the trustee(s) determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
- To provide us with:
 - Access to all information of which the trustees are aware that is relevant to the preparation of the financial report such as records, documentation and other matters;
 - Additional information that we may request from the trustees for the purpose of the audit; and
 - Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence.

As part of our audit process, we will request from trustees written confirmation concerning representations made to us in connection with the audit.

Australian Auditing Standards require that we determine whether the financial reporting framework applied in the preparation of this special purpose of financial report is acceptable. If we determine the financial reporting framework to be unacceptable, we will not be able to undertake the audit engagement unless the framework is amended and then determined to be acceptable.

If a qualified audit report is to be issued following the completion of our audit, we will advise the details to you in a timely manner and prior to the issue of our report.

Audit of SIS Compliance

For the year ended 30 June 2023, we are required to form an opinion in respect of compliance with certain aspects of SIS. Our report must refer to the following sections and regulations:

Sections: 17A, 35AE, 35B, 35C(2), 52, 62, 65, 66, 67, 67A, 67B, 82-85, 103, 104, 104A, 105, 109, 126K

Regulations: 1.06(9A), 4.09, 4.09A, 5.03, 5.08, 6.17, 7.04, 8.02B, 13.12, 13.13, 13.14, 13.18AA, 13.22C

Report on Significant Matters

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 Act or Regulations which we believe has occurred, is occurring or may occur.

We are also required to report to the ATO, as regulator, any contravention of the SISA and the SISR, where we believe the contravention may affect the interests of the members of beneficiaries of the fund.

In addition, we are also required under section 130 to report to you if we believe the superannuation fund may be, or may be about to become, in an unsatisfactory financial position. If we are not satisfied with your response as trustee(s) as to the action taken to rectify the situation or we receive no response, we are obliged to report the matter to the ATO.

A failure on the part of the trustee to rectify these breaches to the satisfaction of the ATO may result in significant penalties to the trustee and the fund itself.

In addition to our report on the financial statements, we will also report to you any material weaknesses in the fund's system of accounting and internal control which come to our notice during the course of our audit.

Quality Control

The conduct of our audit in accordance Australian Auditing Standards means that information acquired by us in the course of our audit is subject to strict confidentiality requirements. Information will not be disclosed by us to other parties except as required or allowed for by law or professional standards, or with your expressed consent.

Our audit files may, however, be subject to review as part of the quality control review program of Regulators and or Professional Bodies which monitors compliance with professional standards by its members.

We advise you that by signing this letter you acknowledge that, if requested, our audit files relating to this audit will be made available under this program. Should this occur, we will advise you. The same strict confidentiality requirements apply under this program as apply to us as your auditor.

Independence/Conflict of Interest

We have established policies and procedures designed to ensure our independence, including policies on holding financial interests in the superannuation fund and other related parties, rotation of audit partners, business relationships, employment relationships, and the provision of non-audit services in accordance with professional statement APES 110 – Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants.

Outsourced Services

We do not use any outsourced services in overseas locations when conducting client assignments.

Data Storage

We use data storage located in the office but it may be replicated to other locations.

Accepting our services as part of this engagement agreement indicates your acceptance of the use of outsourced services, cloud hosted software and outsourced data storage under the conditions outlined above.

Limitation of Liability

Our firm's liability to you or any other user of the audit report is limited by a Scheme approved under Professional Standards Legislation.

Other

We would appreciate acknowledgement of terms and conditions set out in this letter. Please note that this letter will be effective for future years unless the terms of the engagement are altered by future correspondence.

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 audit of the financial report.

If you have any queries in relation to this please contact me.

To: MR ANTHONY BOYS

I/We hereby confirm your appointment as Auditor under the above terms of engagement.

For and on behalf of J & S Nicol Super Pty Ltd as trustee for the J & S Nicol Superannuation Fund

14-Sep-2023

Dated: _____

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Yours sincerely
ANTHONY BOYS – REGISTERED COMPANY AUDITOR
DATED: 14 September 2023