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| **INDEPENDENT REGULATORY BOARD FOR AUDITORS** |

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| **Procedure for requesting a non-binding advisory opinion**  Johannesburg/ 26 August 2016  Dear Registered Auditor  Please take note of the attached notice from the B-BBEE Commission regarding the procedure for requesting a non-binding advisory opinion from the B-BBEE Commission.  The IRBA will from 30 September 2016 no longer be involved in the B-BBEE verification industry. Please refer to our earlier notice *Update on the Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors' (IRBA) withdrawal from the Regulation of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) verification industry* dated 2 August 2016.  Contact information for the B-BBEE Commission:  Madidimalo Ramare - B-BBEE Commission - [ramarem@beecommission.gov.za](mailto:ramarem@beecommission.gov.za)  Should you have any further queries relating to this communique, please do not hesitate to contact the Standards Department by email at [b-bbeequeries@irba.co.za](mailto:b-bbeequeries@irba.co.za).  **Imran Vanker**  **Director: Standards**  ***About the IRBA***  *The objective of the IRBA is to endeavour to protect the financial interests of the South African public and international investors in South Africa through the effective and appropriate regulation of audits conducted by registered auditors, in accordance with internationally recognised standards and processes.* |

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