

# SA 810\*

## Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements

*(Effective for engagements for periods  
beginning on or after April 1, 2011)*

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Standard on Auditing (SA) 810, “Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements” should be read in the context of the “Preface to the Standards on Quality Control, Auditing, Review, Other Assurance and Related Services”, which sets out the authority of SAs and SA 200, “Overall Objectives of the Independent Auditor and the Conduct of an Audit in Accordance with Standards on Auditing”.

## Introduction

### Scope of this SA

1. This Standard on Auditing (SA) deals with the auditor's responsibilities when undertaking an engagement to report on summary financial statements derived from financial statements audited in accordance with SAs by that same auditor.

### Effective Date

2. This SA is effective for engagements for periods beginning on or after April 1, 2011.

### Objectives

3. The objectives of the auditor are to:
- (a) Determine whether it is appropriate to accept the engagement to report on summary financial statements;
  - (b) Form an opinion on the summary financial statements based on an evaluation of the conclusions drawn from the evidence obtained; and
  - (c) Express clearly that opinion through a written report that also describes the basis for that opinion.

### Definitions

4. For purposes of this SA, the following terms have the meanings attributed below:
- (a) *Applied criteria* – The criteria applied by management in the preparation of the summary financial statements.
  - (b) *Audited financial statements* – Financial statements<sup>1</sup> audited by the auditor in accordance with SAs, and from which the summary financial statements are derived.
  - (c) *Summary financial statements* – Historical financial information that is derived from financial statements but that contains less detail than the financial statements, while still providing a structured representation

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<sup>1</sup> SA 200, "Overall Objectives of the Independent Auditor and the Conduct of an Audit in Accordance with Standards on Auditing", paragraph 13(f).

consistent with that provided by the financial statements of the entity's economic resources or obligations at a point in time or the changes therein for a period of time<sup>2</sup>. Different jurisdictions may use different terminology to describe such historical financial information.

## Requirements

### Engagement Acceptance

5. The auditor shall, ordinarily, accept an engagement to report on summary financial statements in accordance with this SA only when the auditor has been engaged to conduct an audit in accordance with SAs of the financial statements from which the summary financial statements are derived<sup>3</sup>. (Ref: Para. A1)
6. Before accepting an engagement to report on summary financial statements, the auditor shall: (Ref: Para. A2)
  - (a) Determine whether the applied criteria are acceptable; (Ref: Para. A3-A7)
  - (b) Obtain the agreement of management that it acknowledges and understands its responsibility:
    - i. For the preparation of the summary financial statements in accordance with the applied criteria;
    - ii. To make the audited financial statements available to the intended users of the summary financial statements without undue difficulty (or, if law or regulation provides that the audited financial statements need not be made available to the intended users of the summary financial statements and establishes the criteria for the preparation of the summary financial statements, to describe that law or regulation in the summary financial statements); and
    - iii. To include the auditor's report on the summary financial statements in any document that contains the summary financial statements and that indicates that the auditor has reported on them.

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<sup>2</sup> SA 200, paragraph 13(f).

<sup>3</sup> In some cases however the auditor may be required by a law or a regulation governing the entity to report on summary financial statements even for such accounting periods for which the former was not engaged to conduct the audit in accordance with SAs of the financial statements pertaining to such accounting periods. For example, in case of the report of the auditor of the company to be included in a prospectus under Clauses 1, 2, 3 of Part IIB of Schedule II to the Companies Act, 1956, such auditor might not necessarily have been the auditor of all or some of the financial statements of the company in respect of the accounting periods relating to which financial information has been reported upon by him/ her in the aforementioned report.

- (c) Agree with management the form of opinion to be expressed on the summary financial statements (see paragraphs 9-11).

7. If the auditor concludes that the applied criteria are unacceptable or is unable to obtain the agreement of management set out in paragraph 6(b), the auditor shall not accept the engagement to report on the summary financial statements, unless required by law or regulation to do so. An engagement conducted in accordance with such law or regulation does not comply with this SA. Accordingly, the auditor's report on the summary financial statements shall not indicate that the engagement was conducted in accordance with this SA. The auditor shall include appropriate reference to this fact in the terms of the engagement. The auditor shall also determine the effect that this may have on the engagement to audit the financial statements from which the summary financial statements are derived.

#### **Nature of Procedures**

8. The auditor shall perform the following procedures, and any other procedures that the auditor may consider necessary, as the basis for the auditor's opinion on the summary financial statements:

- (a) Evaluate whether the summary financial statements adequately disclose their summarised nature and identify the audited financial statements.
- (b) When summary financial statements are not accompanied by the audited financial statements, evaluate whether they describe clearly:
  - (i) From whom or where the audited financial statements are available; or
  - (ii) The law or regulation that specifies that the audited financial statements need not be made available to the intended users of the summary financial statements and establishes the criteria for the preparation of the summary financial statements.
- (c) Evaluate whether the summary financial statements adequately disclose the applied criteria.
- (d) Compare the summary financial statements with the related information in the audited financial statements to determine whether the summary financial statements agree with or can be re-calculated from the related information in the audited financial statements.
- (e) Evaluate whether the summary financial statements are prepared in accordance with the applied criteria.

- (f) Evaluate, in view of the purpose of the summary financial statements, whether the summary financial statements contain the information necessary, and are at an appropriate level of aggregation, so as not to be misleading in the circumstances.
- (g) Evaluate whether the audited financial statements are available to the intended users of the summary financial statements without undue difficulty, unless law or regulation provides that they need not be made available and establishes the criteria for the preparation of the summary financial statements. (Ref: Para. A8)

### **Form of Opinion**

9. When the auditor has concluded that an unmodified opinion on the summary financial statements is appropriate, the auditor's opinion shall, unless otherwise required by law or regulation, use one of the following phrases: (Ref: Para. A9)

- (a) The summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements, in accordance with [the applied criteria]; or
- (b) The summary financial statements are a fair summary of the audited financial statements, in accordance with [the applied criteria].

10. If law or regulation prescribes the wording of the opinion on summary financial statements in terms that are different from those described in paragraph 9, the auditor shall:

- (a) Apply the procedures described in paragraph 8 and any further procedures necessary to enable the auditor to express the prescribed opinion; and
- (b) Evaluate whether users of the summary financial statements might misunderstand the auditor's opinion on the summary financial statements and, if so, whether additional explanation in the auditor's report on the summary financial statements can mitigate possible misunderstanding.

11. If, in the case of paragraph 10(b), the auditor concludes that additional explanation in the auditor's report on the summary financial statements cannot mitigate possible misunderstanding, the auditor shall not accept the engagement, unless required by law or regulation to do so. An engagement conducted in accordance with such law or regulation does not comply with this SA. Accordingly, the auditor's report on the summary financial statements shall not indicate that the engagement was conducted in accordance with this SA.

## **Timing of Work and Events Subsequent to the Date of the Auditor's Report on the Audited Financial Statements**

12. The auditor's report on the summary financial statements may be dated later than the date of the auditor's report on the audited financial statements. In such cases, the auditor's report on the summary financial statements shall state that the summary financial statements and audited financial statements do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of the auditor's report on the audited financial statements that may require adjustment of, or disclosure in, the audited financial statements. (Ref: Para. A10)

13. The auditor may become aware of facts that existed at the date of the auditor's report on the audited financial statements, but of which the auditor previously was unaware. In such cases, the auditor shall not issue the auditor's report on the summary financial statements until the auditor's consideration of such facts in relation to the audited financial statements in accordance with SA 560<sup>4</sup> has been completed.

## **Auditor's Report on Summary Financial Statements**

### ***Elements of the Auditor's Report***

14. The auditor's report on summary financial statements shall include the following elements<sup>5</sup>: (Ref: Para. A15)

- (a) A title clearly indicating it as the report of an independent auditor. (Ref: Para. A11)
- (b) An addressee. (Ref: Para. A12)
- (c) An introductory paragraph that:
  - (i) Identifies the summary financial statements on which the auditor is reporting, including the title of each statement included in the summary financial statements; (Ref: Para. A13)
  - (ii) Identifies the audited financial statements;
  - (iii) Refers to the auditor's report on the audited financial statements, the date of that report, and, subject to paragraphs 17-18, the fact that an unmodified opinion is expressed on the audited financial statements;
  - (iv) If the date of the auditor's report on the summary financial statements is later than the date of the auditor's report on the audited financial

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<sup>4</sup> SA 560, "Subsequent Events".

<sup>5</sup> Paragraphs 17-18, which deal with circumstances where the auditor's report on the audited financial statements has been modified, require additional elements to those listed in this paragraph.

statements, states that the summary financial statements and the audited financial statements do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of the auditor's report on the audited financial statements; and

- (v) A statement indicating that the summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by the financial reporting framework applied in the preparation of the audited financial statements, and that reading the summary financial statements is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements.
- (d) A description of management's responsibility for the summary financial statements, explaining that management is responsible for the preparation of the summary financial statements in accordance with the applied criteria.
- (e) A statement that the auditor is responsible for expressing an opinion on the summary financial statements based on the procedures required by this SA.
- (f) A paragraph clearly expressing an opinion. (see paragraphs 9-11)
- (g) The auditor's signature along with the firm registration number, wherever applicable, and the membership number assigned by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI).
- (h) The date of the auditor's report. (Ref: Para. A14)
- (i) The place of signature.

15. If the addressee of the summary financial statements is not the same as the addressee of the auditor's report on the audited financial statements, the auditor shall evaluate the appropriateness of using a different addressee. (Ref: Para. A12)

16. The auditor shall date the auditor's report on the summary financial statements no earlier than: (Ref: Para. A14)

- (a) The date on which the auditor has obtained sufficient appropriate evidence on which to base the opinion, including evidence that the summary financial statements have been prepared and those with the recognised authority have asserted that they have taken responsibility for them; and
- (b) The date of the auditor's report on the audited financial statements.

***Modifications to the Opinion, Emphasis of Matter Paragraph or Other Matter Paragraph in the Auditor's Report on the Audited Financial Statements*** (Ref: Para. A15)

17. When the auditor's report on the audited financial statements contains a qualified opinion, an Emphasis of Matter paragraph, or an Other Matter paragraph, but the auditor is satisfied that the summary financial statements are

consistent, in all material respects, with or are a fair summary of the audited financial statements, in accordance with the applied criteria, the auditor's report on the summary financial statements shall, in addition to the elements in paragraph 14:

- (a) State that the auditor's report on the audited financial statements contains a qualified opinion, an Emphasis of Matter paragraph, or an Other Matter paragraph; and
- (b) Describe:
  - (i) The basis for the qualified opinion on the audited financial statements, and that qualified opinion; or the Emphasis of Matter or the Other Matter paragraph in the auditor's report on the audited financial statements; and
  - (ii) The effect thereof on the summary financial statements, if any.

18. When the auditor's report on the audited financial statements contains an adverse opinion or a disclaimer of opinion, the auditor's report on the summary financial statements shall, in addition to the elements in paragraph 14:

- (a) State that the auditor's report on the audited financial statements contains an adverse opinion or disclaimer of opinion;
- (b) Describe the basis for that adverse opinion or disclaimer of opinion; and
- (c) State that, as a result of the adverse opinion or disclaimer of opinion, it is inappropriate to express an opinion on the summary financial statements.

***Modified Opinion on the Summary Financial Statements***

19. If the summary financial statements are not consistent, in all material respects, with or are not a fair summary of the audited financial statements, in accordance with the applied criteria, and management does not agree to make the necessary changes, the auditor shall express an adverse opinion on the summary financial statements. (Ref: Para. A15)

**Restriction on Distribution or Use or Alerting Readers to the Basis of Accounting**

20. When distribution or use of the auditor's report on the audited financial statements is restricted, or the auditor's report on the audited financial statements alerts readers that the audited financial statements are prepared in accordance with a special purpose framework, the auditor shall include a similar restriction or alert in the auditor's report on the summary financial statements.

## **Comparatives**

21. If the audited financial statements contain comparatives, but the summary financial statements do not, the auditor shall determine whether such omission is reasonable in the circumstances of the engagement. The auditor shall determine the effect of an unreasonable omission on the auditor's report on the summary financial statements. (Ref: Para. A16)

22. If the summary financial statements contain comparatives that were reported on by another auditor, the auditor's report on the summary financial statements shall also contain the matters that SA 710 requires the auditor to include in the auditor's report on the audited financial statements<sup>6</sup>. (Ref: Para. A17)

## **Unaudited Supplementary Information Presented with Summary Financial Statements**

23. The auditor shall evaluate whether any unaudited supplementary information presented with the summary financial statements is clearly differentiated from the summary financial statements. If the auditor concludes that the entity's presentation of the unaudited supplementary information is not clearly differentiated from the summary financial statements, the auditor shall ask management to change the presentation of the unaudited supplementary information. If management refuses to do so, the auditor shall explain in the auditor's report on the summary financial statements that such information is not covered by that report. (Ref: Para. A18)

## **Other Information in Documents Containing Summary Financial Statements**

24. The auditor shall read the other information included in a document containing the summary financial statements and related auditor's report to consider whether there is a material inconsistency between the other information and the summary financial statements. If the auditor identifies a material inconsistency, the auditor shall determine whether the summary financial statements or the other information needs to be revised. If, the auditor becomes aware that the other information needs to be revised, the auditor shall discuss the matter with management. (Ref: Para. A19)

## **Auditor Association**

25. If the auditor becomes aware that the entity plans to state that the auditor has reported on summary financial statements in a document containing the

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<sup>6</sup> SA 710, "Comparative Information—Corresponding Figures and Comparative Financial Statements".

summary financial statements, but does not plan to include the related auditor's report, the auditor shall request management to include the auditor's report in the document. If management does not do so, the auditor shall determine and carry out other appropriate actions designed to prevent management from inappropriately associating the auditor with the summary financial statements in that document. (Ref: Para. A20)

26. The auditor may be engaged to report on the financial statements of an entity, while not engaged to report on the summary financial statements. If, in this case, the auditor becomes aware that the entity plans to make a statement in a document that refers to the auditor and the fact that summary financial statements are derived from the financial statements audited by the auditor, the auditor shall be satisfied that:

- (a) The reference to the auditor is made in the context of the auditor's report on the audited financial statements; and
- (b) The statement does not give the impression that the auditor has reported on the summary financial statements.

If (a) or (b) are not met, the auditor shall request management to change the statement to meet them, or not to refer to the auditor in the document. Alternatively, the entity may engage the auditor to report on the summary financial statements and include the related auditor's report in the document. If management does not change the statement, delete the reference to the auditor, or include an auditor's report on the summary financial statements in the document containing the summary financial statements, the auditor shall advise management that the auditor disagrees with the reference to the auditor, and the auditor shall determine and carry out other appropriate actions designed to prevent management from inappropriately referring to the auditor. (Ref: Para. A20)

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## **Application and Other Explanatory Material**

### **Engagement Acceptance (Ref: Para. 5-6)**

A1. The audit of the financial statements from which the summary financial statements are derived provides the auditor with the necessary knowledge to discharge the auditor's responsibilities in relation to the summary financial statements in accordance with this SA. Application of this SA will not provide sufficient appropriate evidence on which to base the opinion on the summary financial statements if the auditor has not also audited the financial statements from which the summary financial statements are derived.

A2. Management's agreement with the matters described in paragraph 6 may be evidenced by its written acceptance of the terms of the engagement.

**Criteria** (Ref: Para. 6(a))

A3. Management is responsible for the determination of the information that needs to be reflected in the summary financial statements so that they are consistent, in all material respects, with or represent a fair summary of the audited financial statements. Because summary financial statements by their nature contain aggregated information and limited disclosure, there is an increased risk that they may not contain the information necessary so as not to be misleading in the circumstances. This risk increases when established criteria for the preparation of summary financial statements do not exist.

A4. Factors that may affect the auditor's determination of the acceptability of the applied criteria include:

- The nature of the entity;
- The purpose of the summary financial statements;
- The information needs of the intended users of the summary financial statements; and
- Whether the applied criteria will result in summary financial statements that are not misleading in the circumstances.

A5. The criteria for the preparation of summary financial statements may be established by an authorised or recognised standards setting organisation or by law or regulation. Similar to the case of financial statements, as explained in SA 210<sup>7</sup>, in many such cases, the auditor may presume that such criteria are acceptable.

A6. Where established criteria for the preparation of summary financial statements do not exist, criteria may be developed by management, for example, based on practice in a particular industry. Criteria that are acceptable in the circumstances will result in summary financial statements that:

- (a) Adequately disclose their summarised nature and identify the audited financial statements;
- (b) Clearly describe from whom or where the audited financial statements are available or, if law or regulation provides that the audited financial statements need not be made available to the intended users of the

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<sup>7</sup> SA 210, "Agreeing the Terms of Audit Engagements", paragraphs A3 and A8-A9.

summary financial statements and establishes the criteria for the preparation of the summary financial statements, that law or regulation;

- (c) Adequately disclose the applied criteria;
- (d) Agree with or can be re-calculated from the related information in the audited financial statements; and
- (e) In view of the purpose of the summary financial statements, contain the information necessary, and are at an appropriate level of aggregation, so as not to be misleading in the circumstances.

A7. Adequate disclosure of the summarised nature of the summary financial statements and the identity of the audited financial statements, as referred to in paragraph A6(a), may, for example, be provided by a title such as “Summary Financial Statements Prepared from the Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended March 31, 20X1”.

#### **Evaluating the Availability of the Audited Financial Statements (Ref: Para. 8(g))**

A8. The auditor’s evaluation whether the audited financial statements are available to the intended users of the summary financial statements without undue difficulty is affected by factors such as whether:

- The summary financial statements describe clearly from whom or where the audited financial statements are available;
- The audited financial statements are on public record; or
- Management has established a process by which the intended users of the summary financial statements can obtain ready access to the audited financial statements.

#### **Form of Opinion (Ref: Para. 9)**

A9. A conclusion, based on an evaluation of the evidence obtained by performing the procedures in paragraph 8, that an unmodified opinion on the summary financial statements is appropriate enables the auditor to express an opinion containing one of the phrases in paragraph 9. The auditor’s decision as to which of the phrases to use may be affected by generally accepted practice in the particular jurisdiction.

#### **Timing of Work and Events Subsequent to the Date of the Auditor’s Report on the Audited Financial Statements (Ref: Para. 12)**

A10. The procedures described in paragraph 8 are often performed during or immediately after the audit of the financial statements. When the auditor reports

on the summary financial statements after the completion of the audit of the financial statements, the auditor is not required to obtain additional audit evidence on the audited financial statements, or report on the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of the auditor's report on the audited financial statements since the summary financial statements are derived from the audited financial statements and do not update them.

## **Auditor's Report on Summary Financial Statements**

### ***Elements of the Auditor's Report***

#### *Title* (Ref: Para. 14(a))

A11. A title indicating the report is the report of an independent auditor, for example, "Report of the Independent Auditor", affirms that the auditor has met all of the relevant ethical requirements regarding independence. This distinguishes the report of the independent auditor from reports issued by others.

#### *Addressee* (Ref: Para. 14(b), 15)

A12. Factors that may affect the auditor's evaluation of the appropriateness of the addressee of the summary financial statements include the terms of the engagement, the nature of the entity, and the purpose of the summary financial statements.

#### *Introductory Paragraph* (Ref: Para. 14(c)(i))

A13. When the auditor is aware that the summary financial statements will be included in a document that contains other information, the auditor may consider, if the form of presentation allows, identifying the page numbers on which the summary financial statements are presented. This helps readers to identify the summary financial statements to which the auditor's report relates.

#### *Date of the Auditor's Report* (Ref: Para. 14(h), 16)

A14. The person or persons with recognised authority to conclude that the summary financial statements have been prepared and take responsibility for them depend on the terms of the engagement, the nature of the entity, and the purpose of the summary financial statements.

#### *Illustrations* (Ref: Para. 14, 17-18, 19)

A15. The Appendix to this SA contains illustrations of auditors' reports on summary financial statements that:

- (a) Contain unmodified opinions;

- (b) Are derived from audited financial statements on which the auditor issued modified opinions; and
- (c) Contain a modified opinion.

**Comparatives** (Ref: Para. 21-22)

A16. If the audited financial statements contain comparatives, there is a presumption that the summary financial statements also would contain comparatives. Comparatives in the audited financial statements may be regarded as corresponding figures or as comparative financial information. SA 710 describes how this difference affects the auditor's report on the financial statements, including, in particular, reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements for the prior period.

A17. Circumstances that may affect the auditor's determination whether an omission of comparatives is reasonable include the nature and objective of the summary financial statements, the applied criteria, and the information needs of the intended users of the summary financial statements.

**Unaudited Supplementary Information Presented with Summary Financial Statements** (Ref: Para. 23)

A18. SA 700 (Revised)<sup>8</sup> contains requirements and guidance to be applied when unaudited supplementary information is presented with audited financial statements that, adapted as necessary in the circumstances, may be helpful in applying the requirement in paragraph 23.

**Other Information in Documents Containing Summary Financial Statements** (Ref: Para. 24)

A19. SA 720(Revised)<sup>9</sup> contains requirements and guidance regarding the auditor's responsibilities relating to other information in a financial statement audit engagement. Adapted as necessary in the circumstances, they may be helpful in applying the requirement in paragraph 24.

**Auditor Association** (Ref: Para. 25-26)

A20. Other appropriate actions the auditor may take when management does not take the requested action may include informing the intended users and other

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<sup>8</sup> SA 700 (Revised), "Forming an Opinion and Reporting on Financial Statements", paragraphs 52-53.

<sup>9</sup> SA 720(Revised), The Auditor's Responsibilities Relating to Other Information.

known third-party users of the inappropriate reference to the auditor. The auditor's course of action depends on the auditor's legal rights and obligations. Consequently, the auditor may consider it appropriate to seek legal advice.

## **Material Modifications *vis-a-vis* ISA 810, “Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements”**

### **Additions**

1. Paragraph 5 of ISA 810 (Paragraph 5 of SA 810) requires the auditor to accept an engagement to report on summary financial statements in accordance with this SA only when the auditor has been engaged to conduct an audit in accordance with SAs of the financial statements from which the summary financial statements are derived. In India, in some cases, the auditor may be required by a law or a regulation governing the entity to report on summary financial statements even for such accounting periods for which the former was not engaged to conduct the audit in accordance with SAs of the financial statements pertaining to such accounting periods. For example, in case of the report of the auditor of the company to be included in a prospectus under Clauses 1, 2, 3 of Part IIB of Schedule II to the Companies Act, 1956, such auditor might not necessarily have been the auditor of all or some of the financial statements of the company in respect of the accounting periods relating to which financial information has been reported upon by him/ her in the aforementioned report, accordingly, the word “ordinarily” has been added in the Paragraph 5 to cover these situations and also added the correspondingly footnote.

2. Paragraph 16 of ISA 810 (Paragraph 14 of SA 810) deals with the elements of the summary financial statements that also include the auditor's address. Since SA 700(Revised), “Forming an Opinion and Reporting on Financial Statements” requires the auditor to mention the “Place of Signature” instead of the “Auditor's Address” in the auditor's report, the requirement of mentioning the auditor's address has been replaced with the place of signature.

3. Paragraph 16 of ISA 810 (Paragraph 14 of SA 810) deals with the elements of the summary financial statements that also include auditor's signature. Since as per SA 700(Revised), “Forming an Opinion and Reporting on Financial Statements”, the partner/proprietor signing the audit report also needs to mention the firm registration number, wherever applicable, and the membership number assigned by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, the said requirement has also been incorporated in the paragraph 14(g) of SA 810.

## Appendix

(Ref: Para. A15)

### Illustrations of Reports on Summary Financial Statements

- Illustration 1: An auditor's report on summary financial statements prepared in accordance with established criteria. An unmodified opinion is expressed on the audited financial statements. The auditor's report on the summary financial statements is dated later than the date of the auditor's report on the financial statements from which summary financial statements are derived.
- Illustration 2: An auditor's report on summary financial statements prepared in accordance with criteria developed by management and adequately disclosed in the summary financial statements. The auditor has determined that the applied criteria are acceptable in the circumstances. An unmodified opinion is expressed on the audited financial statements.
- Illustration 3: An auditor's report on summary financial statements prepared in accordance with criteria developed by management and adequately disclosed in the summary financial statements. The auditor has determined that the applied criteria are acceptable in the circumstances. A qualified opinion is expressed on the audited financial statements.
- Illustration 4: An auditor's report on summary financial statements prepared in accordance with criteria developed by management and adequately disclosed in the summary financial statements. The auditor has determined that the applied criteria are acceptable in the circumstances. An adverse opinion is expressed on the audited financial statements.
- Illustration 5: An auditor's report on summary financial statements prepared in accordance with established criteria. An unmodified opinion is expressed on the audited financial statements. The auditor concludes that it is not possible to express an unmodified opinion on the summary financial statements.

**Illustration 1:**

Circumstances include the following:

- An unmodified opinion is expressed on the audited financial statements.
- Established criteria for the preparation of summary financial statements exist.
- The auditor's report on the summary financial statements is dated later than the date of the auditor's report on the financial statements from which the summary financial statements are derived.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR ON THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

[Appropriate Addressee]

The accompanying summary financial statements, which comprise the summary balance sheet as at March 31, 20X1, the summary statement of profit & loss, and summary cash flow statement for the year then ended, and related notes, are derived from the audited financial statements of ABC Company Ltd. for the year ended March 31, 20X1. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those financial statements in our report dated May 15, 20X1. Those financial statements, and the summary financial statements, do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on those financial statements.

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by the Accounting Standards referred to in sub-section (3C) of section 211 of the Companies Act, 1956 ("the Act") [applied in the preparation of the audited financial statements of ABC Company Ltd.]. Reading the summary financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements of ABC Company Ltd.

**Management's Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation of a summary of the audited financial statements in accordance with [Accounting Standards referred to in sub-section (3C) of section 211 of the Companies Act, 1956 ("the Act") and accounting principles generally accepted in India].

## **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the summary financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Standard on Auditing (SA) 810 , "Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements" issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.

## **Opinion**

In our opinion, the summary financial statements derived from the audited financial statements of ABC Company Ltd. for the year ended March 31, 20X1 are a fair summary of those financial statements, in accordance with [Accounting Standards referred to in sub-section (3C) of section 211 of the Companies Act, 1956 ("the Act") and accounting principles generally accepted in India].

For XYZ and Co.  
Chartered Accountants  
Firm's Registration Number

Signature  
(Name of the Member Signing the Audit Report)  
(Designation<sup>10</sup>)  
Membership Number

Place of Signature

Date

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<sup>10</sup> Partner or Proprietor, as the case may be.

**Illustration 2:**

Circumstances include the following:

- An unmodified opinion is expressed on the audited financial statements.
- Criteria are developed by management and adequately disclosed in Note X. The auditor has determined that the criteria are acceptable in the circumstances.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR ON THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

[Appropriate Addressee]

The accompanying summary financial statements, which comprise the summary balance sheet as at March 31, 20X1, the summary statement of profit & loss, and summary cash flow statement for the year then ended, and related notes, are derived from the audited financial statements of ABC Company Ltd. for the year ended March 31, 20X1. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those financial statements in our report dated May 15, 20X1<sup>11</sup>.

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by the Accounting Standards referred to in sub-section (3C) of section 211 of the Companies Act, 1956 ("the Act") [applied in the preparation of the audited financial statements of ABC Company Ltd.]. Reading the summary financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements of ABC Company Ltd.

**Management's Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation of a summary of the audited financial statements on the basis described in Note X.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the summary financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Standard on

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<sup>11</sup> When the auditor's report on the summary financial statements is dated later than the date of the auditor's report on the audited financial statements from which it is derived, the following sentence is added to this paragraph: "Those financial statements, and the summary financial statements, do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on those financial statements".

Auditing (SA) 810, “Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements” issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.

**Opinion**

In our opinion, the summary financial statements derived from the audited financial statements of ABC Company Ltd. for the year ended March 31, 20X1 are a fair summary of those financial statements, on the basis described in Note X.

For XYZ and Co.  
Chartered Accountants  
Firm’s Registration Number

Signature  
(Name of the Member Signing the Audit Report)  
(Designation<sup>12</sup>)  
Membership Number

Place of Signature  
Date

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<sup>12</sup> Partner or Proprietor, as the case may be.

**Illustration 3:**

**Circumstances include the following:**

- **A qualified opinion is expressed on the audited financial statements.**
- **Criteria are developed by management and adequately disclosed in Note X. The auditor has determined that the criteria are acceptable in the circumstances.**

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR ON THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

[Appropriate Addressee]

The accompanying summary financial statements, which comprise the summary balance sheet as at March 31, 20X1, the summary statement of profit & loss, and summary cash flow statement for the year then ended, and related notes, are derived from the audited financial statements of ABC Company Ltd. for the year ended March 31, 20X1<sup>13</sup>. We expressed a qualified audit opinion on those financial statements in our report dated May 15, 20X1 (see below).

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by the Accounting Standards referred to in sub-section (3C) of section 211 of the Companies Act, 1956 ("the Act") [applied in the preparation of the audited financial statements of ABC Company Ltd.]. Reading the summary financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements of ABC Company Ltd.

**Management's Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation of a summary of the audited financial statements on the basis described in Note X.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the summary financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Standard on Auditing (SA) 810, "Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements" issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.

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<sup>13</sup> When the auditor's report on the summary financial statements is dated later than the date of the auditor's report on the audited financial statements from which it is derived, the following sentence is added to this paragraph: "Those financial statements, and the summary financial statements, do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on those financial statements".

## Opinion

In our opinion, the summary financial statements derived from the audited financial statements of ABC Company Ltd. for the year ended March 31, 20X1 are a fair summary of those financial statements, on the basis described in Note X. However, the summary financial statements are misstated to the equivalent extent as the audited financial statements of ABC Company Ltd. for the year ended March 31, 20X1.

The misstatement of the audited financial statements is described in our qualified audit opinion in our report dated May 15, 20X1. Our qualified audit opinion is based on the fact that the company's inventories are carried in the balance sheet in those financial statements at Rs. XXX. Management has not stated the inventories at the lower of cost and net realisable value but has stated them solely at cost, which constitutes a departure from the Accounting Standard (AS) 2, "Valuation of Inventories". The company's records indicate that had management stated the inventories at the lower of cost and net realisable value, an amount of Rs. XXX would have been required to write the inventories down to their net realizable value. Accordingly, cost of sales would have been increased by Rs. XXX, and income tax, net income and shareholders' equity would have been reduced by Rs. XXX, Rs. XXX and Rs. XXX, respectively. Our qualified audit opinion states that, except for the effects of the described matter, those financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of ABC Company Ltd. as of March 31, 20X1, and (of) its results of operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the Accounting Standards referred to in sub-section (3C) of section 211 of the Companies Act, 1956 ("the Act").

For XYZ and Co.  
Chartered Accountants  
Firm's Registration Number

Signature  
(Name of the Member Signing the Audit Report)  
(Designation<sup>14</sup>)  
Membership Number

Place of Signature

Date

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<sup>14</sup> Partner or Proprietor, as the case may be.

**Illustration 4:**

**Circumstances include the following:**

- **An adverse opinion is expressed on the audited financial statements.**
- **Criteria are developed by management and adequately disclosed in Note X. The auditor has determined that the criteria are acceptable in the circumstances.**

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR ON THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

[Appropriate Addressee]

The accompanying summary financial statements, which comprise the summary balance sheet as at March 31, 20X1, the summary statement of profit & loss, and summary cash flow statement for the year then ended, and related notes, are derived from the audited financial statements of ABC Company Ltd. for the year ended March 31, 20X1<sup>15</sup>.

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by the Accounting Standards referred to in sub-section (3C) of section 211 of the Companies Act, 1956 (“the Act”) [applied in the preparation of the audited financial statements of ABC Company Ltd.]. Reading the summary financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements of ABC Company Ltd.

**Management’s Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation of a summary of the audited financial statements on the basis described in Note X.

**Auditor’s Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the summary financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Standard on Auditing (SA) 810, “Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements” issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.

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<sup>15</sup> When the auditor’s report on the summary financial statements is dated later than the date of the auditor’s report on the audited financial statements from which it is derived, the following sentence is added to this paragraph: “Those financial statements, and the summary financial statements, do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on those financial statements”.

## Denial of Opinion

In our report dated May 15, 20X1, we expressed an adverse audit opinion on the financial statements of ABC Company Ltd. for the year ended March 31, 20X1. The basis for our adverse audit opinion was [describe basis for adverse audit opinion]. Our adverse audit opinion stated that [describe adverse audit opinion].

Because of the significance of the matter discussed above, it is inappropriate to express an opinion on the summary financial statements of ABC Company Ltd. for the year ended March 31, 20X1.

For XYZ and Co.  
Chartered Accountants  
Firm's Registration Number

Signature  
(Name of the Member Signing the Audit Report)  
(Designation<sup>16</sup>)  
Membership Number

Place of Signature  
Date

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<sup>16</sup> Partner or Proprietor, as the case may be.

**Illustration 5:**

**Circumstances include the following:**

- **An unmodified opinion is expressed on the audited financial statements.**
- **Established criteria for the preparation of summary financial statements exist.**
- **The auditor concludes that it is not possible to express an unmodified opinion on the summary financial statements.**

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR ON THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

[Appropriate Addressee]

The accompanying summary financial statements, which comprise the summary balance sheet as at March 31, 20X1, the summary statement of profit & loss, and summary cash flow statement for the year then ended, and related notes, are derived from the audited financial statements of ABC Company Ltd. for the year ended March 31, 20X1. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those financial statements in our report dated May 15, 20X1<sup>17</sup>.

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by the Accounting Standards referred to in sub-section (3C) of section 211 of the Companies Act, 1956 ("the Act") [applied in the preparation of the audited financial statements of ABC Company Ltd.]. Reading the summary financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements of ABC Company Ltd.

**Management's Responsibility for the Summary Audited Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation of a summary of the audited financial statements in accordance with [Accounting Standards referred to in sub-section (3C) of section 211 of the Companies Act, 1956 ("the Act") and accounting principles generally accepted in India].

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<sup>17</sup> When the auditor's report on the summary financial statements is dated later than the date of the auditor's report on the audited financial statements from which it is derived, the following sentence is added to this paragraph: "Those financial statements, and the summary financial statements, do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on those financial statements".

## **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the summary financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Standard on Auditing (SA) 810, "Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements" issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.

## **Basis for Adverse Opinion**

[Describe matter that caused the summary financial statements not to be a fair summary of the audited financial statements, in accordance with the applied criteria.]

## **Adverse Opinion**

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion paragraph, the summary financial statements referred to above are not a fair summary of the audited financial statements of ABC Company Ltd. for the year ended March 31, 20X1, in accordance with [Accounting Standards referred to in sub-section (3C) of section 211 of the Companies Act, 1956 ("the Act") and accounting principles generally accepted in India].

For XYZ and Co.  
Chartered Accountants  
Firm's Registration Number

Signature  
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