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## Abu-Ghazaleh: TAG.Global's Ambition is to Become the Top Global Organization as Initially Planned

AMMAN - HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, founder and chairman of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Global (TAG.Global), met all TAG.Global's employees from more than 100 offices around the world, through Microsoft Team App, tackling the latest development in the Organization and the aspirations it seeks to achieve.

At the beginning of the meeting, Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh expressed his pride in all TAG.Global's employees as well as their achievements, affirming his strong relation with each one of them and describing it as a family relationship that bonds a father with his family members.

Despite the current global economic situation caused by the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh affirmed that no one of TAG.Global's employees has been laid off during the crisis. Furthermore; they received their full monthly salaries without any exception.

Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh also stated that TAG.Global had never stopped its operations, not even for a one single day during the pandemic, due to its state of readiness and its ability to keep abreast of the latest technology, He pointed out that TAG.Global has been always committed, since its establishment in 1972, to fulfill its obligations and contracts with its clients thanks to its employees sincere dedication.

During the meeting, Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh focused on TAG.Global's policy in building and developing its employees' skills and capacities especially in the field of languages, underlining the importance of learning the two basic languages: English and computer languages, in addition to the mother tongue (Arabic) to facilitate their digital access to knowledge resources. Moreover, Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh called on all his employees to benefit from the diplomas and courses remotely by Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Academy (TAG-Academy) through advanced technologies.



According to Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, TAG.Global is an evident proof of the excellence, the success and the ability to conquer the impossible when it made a major shift in its services. TAG.Global established Talal Abu-Ghazaleh for Technologies (TAGTech) company back in August to specialize in designing and manufacturing technical devices including laptops and tablets with high-specs through its factory in China and is currently establishing its first factory in the Arab region, precisely in Jordan.

Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh also asserted that TAG.Global's ambition is not limited to producing, manufacturing and designing technological products by Arab experts and professionals. Rather, the aim is to become the top organization in providing different services worldwide, noting that this objective has been pursued since TAG.Global's establishment in 1972.

Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh concluded the meeting saying that 'success is a decision, and you are alone capable of taking such a decision. He ended by answering questions and inquiries submitted by the employees.

# IAASB Proposes Modernization of Group Audits Standard in Support of Audit Quality

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NEW YORK - The International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB) released the exposure draft of proposed International Standard on Auditing (ISA) 600 (Revised), Special Considerations—Audits of Group Financial Statements (Including the Work of Component Auditors).

Proposed ISA 600 (Revised) deals with special considerations for audits of group financial statements (group audits). Group audits are often more complex and challenging than single-entity audits because a group may have many entities or business units across multiple jurisdictions and component auditors may be involved.

“This proposed standard is critically important as many of today’s audits are group audits, including audits of the largest and most complex organizations around the world,” said Tom Seidenstein, IAASB Chair. “The proposed revised standard addresses quality risk issues identified by audit regulators and benefits from the input of a wide range of stakeholders.”

The proposed standard introduces an enhanced risk-based approach to planning and performing a group audit. This approach appropriately focuses the group engagement team’s attention and work effort on identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement of the group financial statements, and designing and performing further audit procedures to respond to those assessed risks. The proposed standard recognizes that component auditors can be, and often are, involved in all phases of a group audit. In these circumstances, the proposed standard highlights the importance of the group engagement team’s involvement in the component auditor’s work.



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In addition, the proposed standard:

- Clarifies the scope and applicability of the standard.
- Emphasizes the importance of exercising professional skepticism throughout the group audit.
- Clarifies and reinforces that all ISAs need to be applied in a group audit through establishing stronger linkages to the other ISAs, in particular to proposed ISA 220 (Revised), ISA 315 (Revised 2019) and ISA 330.
- Reinforces the need for robust communication and interactions between the group engagement team, group engagement partner and component auditors.
- Includes new guidance on testing common controls and controls related to centralized activities.
- Includes enhanced guidance on how to address restrictions on access to people and information.
- Enhances special considerations in other areas of a group audit, including materiality and documentation.

In consideration of COVID-19’s impact, the IAASB is departing from the Board’s normal 120-day comment period for public consultations. Therefore, the exposure draft of proposed ISA 600 (Revised) is open for public comment until October 2, 2020.

The IAASB invites all stakeholders to comment on the Exposure Draft via the IAASB’s website.

<https://www.iaasb.org/news-events/2020-04/iaasb-proposes-modernization-group-audits-standard-support-audit-quality>

## IASB issues amendments to IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts to help companies with implementation

The International Accounting Standards Board (Board) has issued amendments to IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts aimed at helping companies implement the Standard and making it easier for them to explain their financial performance.

The fundamental principles introduced when the Board first issued IFRS 17 in May 2017 remain unaffected. The amendments, which respond to feedback from stakeholders, are designed to reduce costs by simplifying some requirements in the Standard make financial performance easier to explain; and ease transition by deferring the effective date of the Standard to 2023 and by providing additional relief to reduce the effort required when applying IFRS 17 for the first time.

Hans Hoogervorst, Chair of the International Accounting Standards Board, said we have listened to feedback and made changes to IFRS 17 that will help companies with the implementation of this much-needed Standard.

The deferral of the effective date by two years, to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023, is intended to allow time for an orderly adoption of the amended IFRS 17 by jurisdictions around the world. This should enable more insurers to implement the new Standard at the same time.



The Board has also issued an amendment to the previous insurance contracts Standard, IFRS 4, so that eligible insurers can still apply IFRS 9 Financial Instruments alongside IFRS 17.

[Access Amendments to IFRS 17 \(eIFRS subscription required\).](#)

[Access the pre-recorded webcast about the amendments to IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts.](#)

[Access the Project Summary and Feedback Statement for an overview of the Board's project and a summary of how it has responded to stakeholders' comments.](#)

[A Proposed IFRS Taxonomy Update to reflect these amendments will be published for comment in July 2020.](#)

<https://www.ifrs.org/news-and-events/2020/06/iasb-issues-amendments-to-ifrs-17-insurance-contracts/>