## INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS - ASSURANCE OF THE INTEGRATED REPORT

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# Assurance What does it mean? • Usage of the term assurance. • Is there a need for assurance on integrated reports? IRC Annual Conference 2018

#### The IAASB and EER

- Who is the IAASB?
- What is EER? >>> Includes integrated reporting
- The IAASB's project on assurance on EER:
  - A Working Group of the IAASB issued a Discussion Paper in 2016, titled, Supporting Credibility and Trust in Emerging Forms of External Reporting: Ten Key Challenges for Assurance Engagements
  - A Task Force of the IAASB has commenced a project on providing guidance on the application of one of the existing standards that auditors use to an assurance engagement on EERs, expected to be issued in September 2020.

Case Study

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE



Generating sustained financial returns by anticipating market trends

SUCCESSES

Working capital generation



Cash on hand

R1.2bn

CHALLENGES

Revenue



Forex loss



Black ownership

63%



B-BBEE rating

Training spend on black employees

**↓ R20.3m** 



Driving transformation and localisation



Optimising our operations





Skills development spend

**↓ R22.2m** 





Leading stewardship of marine resources

89%

of our fishing rights SASSI green listed



nternational certification: Hake – MSC; Fishmeal – IFFO-RS



SASSI red-listing of West Coast rock



SASSI orange-listing of horse mackerel and pilchard

Building trusted relationships





Food safety certification through ISO and NRCS

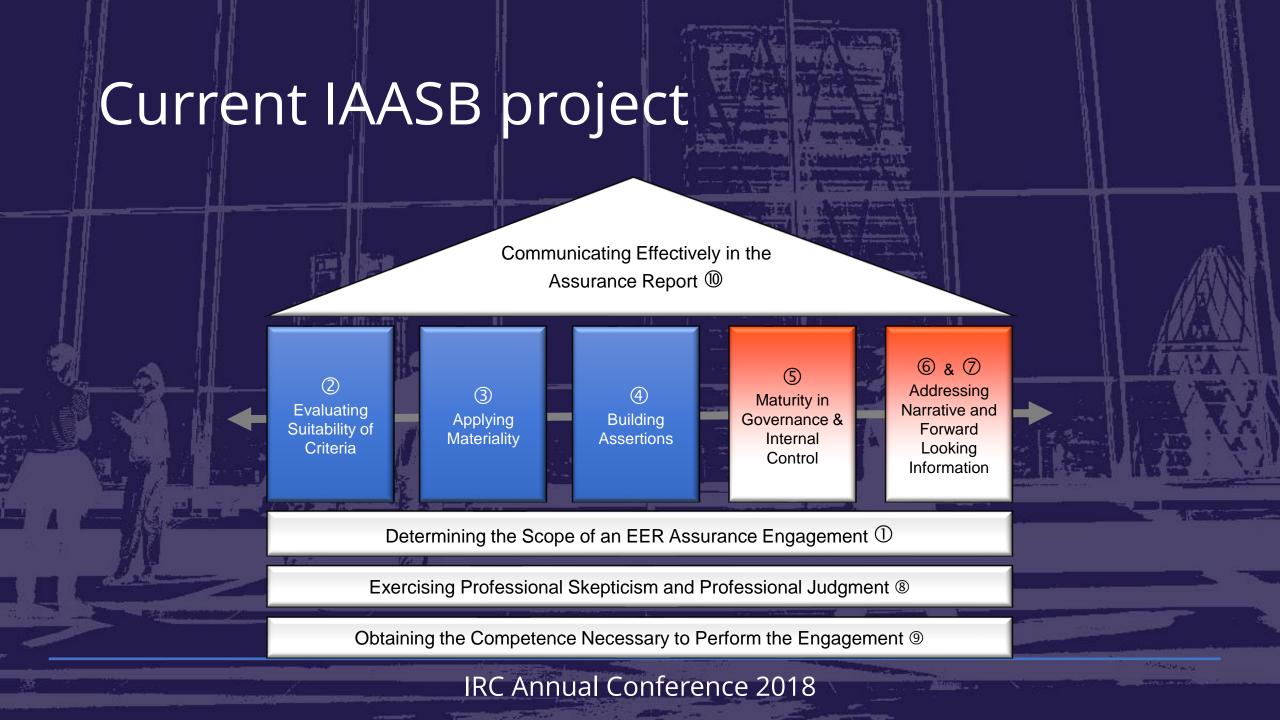


Odour management in Hout Bay



### The Ten Key Challenges

- Challenge 1: Determining the **Scope** of an EER Assurance Engagement Can Be Complex
- Challenge 2: Evaluating the Suitability of **Criteria** in a Consistent Manner
- Challenge 3: Addressing Materiality for Diverse Information with Little Guidance in EER Frameworks
- Challenge 4: Building Assertions for Subject Matter Information of a Diverse Nature
- Challenge 5: Lack of Maturity in Governance and Internal Control over **EER Reporting Processes**
- Challenge 6: Obtaining Assurance with Respect to Narrative Information
- Challenge 7: Obtaining Assurance with Respect to Future-Oriented Information
- Challenge 8: Exercising Professional Skepticism and Professional Judgment
- Challenge 9: Obtaining the Competence Necessary to Perform the Engagement
- Challenge 10: Communicating Effectively in the Assurance Report



#### In conclusion

- Our website
  - <a href="https://www.irba.co.za/guidance-to-ras/technical-guidance-for-auditors/other-assurance-including-b-bbee/integrated-reporting-assurance-and-sustainability-reporting-assurance">https://www.irba.co.za/guidance-to-ras/technical-guidance-for-auditors/other-assurance-including-b-bbee/integrated-reporting-assurance</a>
- IAASB website
  - https://www.iaasb.org/projects/emerging-forms-externalreporting-eer-assurance
- Invitation to an Outreach
  - The IAASB is hosting an event with the IRBA in Johannesburg on 23 October 2018 as part of a global series of discussions being held in seven locations around the world.