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## **ASIC Corporations (Financial Reporting by Stapled Entities) Instrument 2023/673**

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I, Anthony Graham, delegate of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, make the following legislative instrument.

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## Part 1—Preliminary

### 1 Name of legislative instrument

This is the *ASIC Corporations (Financial Reporting by Stapled Entities) Instrument 2023/673*.

### 2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after it is registered on the Federal Register of Legislation.

Note: The register may be accessed at [www.legislation.gov.au](http://www.legislation.gov.au).

### 3 Authority

This instrument is made under subsection 341(1) of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

### 4 Definitions

In this instrument:

*Act* means the *Corporations Act 2001*.

*combine* means the method to prepare combined financial statements.

*combined financial statements* means, in relation to a stapled group, financial statements that aggregate two or more entities that are members of the group, eliminating inter-entity transactions and balances, but without:

- (a) identifying an acquirer or one or more acquirees; and
- (b) eliminating equity or reserves of the acquirees that existed when the terms on which the securities of the entities were traded on a prescribed financial market first required the securities to be transferred together.

*control* has the same meaning as in accounting standard AASB 10 *Consolidated Financial Statements*.

*non-controlling interest* has the same meaning as in accounting standard AASB 10 *Consolidated Financial Statements*.

*previous reporting period* means:

- (a) in relation to a relevant year, the half-year forming part of the relevant year; and

- (b) in relation to a relevant half-year, the financial year ending immediately before the relevant half-year.

**single entity financial statements** means financial statements referred to in paragraph 295(2)(a) or 303(2)(a) of the Act.

**stapled group** means the group of entities consisting of:

- (a) a stapled issuer and each other stapled issuer a security of which under the terms on which it is traded on a prescribed financial market must be transferred with a security of the first-mentioned stapled issuer; and
- (b) all other entities controlled by the stapled issuers referred to in paragraph (a).

**stapled issuer** means an entity a security of which under the terms on which it is traded on a prescribed financial market, must be transferred together with a security of one or more other entities.

**stapled security** means a security of a stapled issuer which under the terms on which it is traded on a prescribed financial market, must be transferred together with a security of one or more other entities.

## Part 2—Order

### 5 Relief to enable combination or consolidation of stapled entities

- (1) A company (the **relevant entity**), registered scheme (the **relevant entity**) or disclosing entity (the **relevant entity**) which is a stapled issuer does not have to comply with:
  - (a) subsection 292(1) and subsection 314(1) of the Act in relation to a financial year (the **relevant year**); and
  - (b) section 302 of the Act in relation to a half-year (the **relevant half-year**);

to the extent that:

- (c) subsection 295(2) or 303(2) or paragraph 314(2)(a) of the Act prevents the inclusion in the financial report (the **relevant entity report**) or concise report (the **relevant entity report**) of the relevant entity for the relevant half-year or relevant year of consolidated financial statements or combined financial statements that include the other entities (the **other group members**) that are stapled issuers in the same stapled group as the relevant entity; and

- (d) subsection 296(1) or section 304 of the Act requires the relevant entity to present consolidated financial statements that do not include the other group members.
- (2) The relief in subsection 5(1) is available only where all of the following apply:
- (a) one of the following applies:
    - (i) the relevant entity prepared a financial report under Chapter 2M of the Act for the previous reporting period that contained consolidated financial statements or combined financial statements that included the other group members;
    - (ii) since the time that the stapled group included the relevant entity and the other group members, the relevant entity has not prepared a financial report under Chapter 2M of the Act other than the relevant entity report;
  - (b) the relevant entity report includes consolidated financial statements or combined financial statements (whichever was presented for the previous reporting period if subparagraph 5(2)(a)(i) applies or consolidated financial statements if subparagraph 5(2)(a)(ii) applies) that:
    - (i) consolidate any entities controlled by the relevant entity in accordance with accounting standard AASB 10 *Consolidated Financial Statements* other than the other group members; and
    - (ii) consolidate the other group members if consolidated financial statements are included; and
    - (iii) combine the other group members if combined financial statements are included;
  - (c) the consolidated or combined financial statements referred to in paragraph 5(1)(c) comply with Chapter 2M of the Act other than by including the other group members;
  - (d) each of the other group members are required to prepare financial reports for the relevant half-year or relevant year in accordance with Chapter 2M of the Act;
  - (e) the relevant entity report discloses whether the financial statements presented in accordance with this instrument are consolidated financial statements or combined financial statements;
  - (f) the relevant entity report discloses the amounts attributed to non-controlling interests which are attributable to the holders of stapled securities.

## 6 Relief for presentation of reports of stapled entities

- (1) A relevant entity does not have to comply with subsection 292(1), section 302 and subsection 314(1) of the Act in relation to the relevant half-year or relevant year to the extent that subsections 295(2), 303(2) or 314(2) of the Act prevent the inclusion in the relevant entity report of the single entity or consolidated financial statements and directors' declaration of other group members.
- (2) The relief in subsection 6(1) is available only where all of the following apply:
  - (a) the relevant entity or one of the other group members relies on the relief in subsection 5(1);
  - (b) all of the other group members are required to prepare financial reports for the relevant half-year or relevant year in accordance with Chapter 2M of the Act;
  - (c) all of the other group members rely on the relief in subsection 6(1) for the relevant half-year or relevant year;
  - (d) one of the following applies:
    - (i) such financial statements of the relevant entity and all other group members (including any single entity financial statements presented where *ASIC Corporations (Parent Entity Financial Statements) Instrument 2021/195* is relied on) are presented in adjacent columns in the relevant report;
    - (ii) financial statements are presented as follows in separate sections of the relevant report:
      - (A) in the first section—the consolidated financial statements or combined financial statements prepared in accordance with subsection 5(1) and, where *ASIC Corporations (Parent Entity Financial Statements) Instrument 2021/195* is relied on, the single entity financial statements of the relevant entity; and
      - (B) in the second section in adjacent columns—all other consolidated financial statements of the relevant entity and all other group members and any single entity financial statements (including those presented where *ASIC Corporations (Parent Entity Financial Statements) Instrument 2021/195* is relied on); or
    - (iii) in the case of a financial report for a half-year or a concise report—one of the sets of financial statements permitted under subparagraphs (i) or (ii) (excluding any single entity financial statement that is not required under the Act and the accounting

standard applicable to the report) is presented in adjacent columns in the relevant report where, if the set includes consolidated financial statements covering all of the entities in the stapled group, those financial statements are presented first.

## **Part 3—Repeal**

### **7 Repeal**

This instrument is repealed at the start of 1 October 2028.