

## **DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE FRC ON APPLICATIONS FOR EXEMPTION FROM CAP ON NON-AUDIT FEES**

Regulation 13 of the Statutory Auditors and Third Country Auditors Regulations 2016 and Article 4(2) of the EU Audit Regulation (EU 537/2014) provide that the Competent Authority may, upon a request by the statutory auditor or the audit firm ('the applicant'), and on an exceptional basis, allow an exemption from the 70 per cent cap on fees for non-audit services for a period not exceeding two financial years.

In the UK, for the audit of a public interest entity, the cap will not apply until the fourth financial period commencing on or after 17 June 2016. For applications received, the FRC has committed to publishing those decisions in full, except where that would risk harming the commercial interests of an applicant. In those cases, the decision will be published in abridged form.

In the quarter ending 31 July 2022 the FRC is reporting on three applications granted. Those marked \*\* relate to previous reporting periods in which the application could not be reported as the transaction or service it relates to was price sensitive at that time.

1. \*\* FRC granted a waiver to PwC LLP in respect of £0.8-0.96 million of reporting accounting work for QinetiQ Group PLC in relation to an incomplete Class 1 acquisition.
2. \*\* FRC granted a waiver to PwC LLP in respect of \$3.4 million of reporting accounting work for Indivior PLC to support SEC filings.
3. \*\* FRC granted a waiver to PwC LLP in respect of \$0.25-0.3 million of reporting accounting work for Antofagasta PLC to support a proposed US debt issuance.

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