

*Canadian Public Accountability Board
And
WDM Chartered Professional Accountants*

PART I – Preamble

1. The Canadian Public Accountability Board’s (CPAB) mandate includes the oversight of firms that conduct audits of Canadian reporting issuers.¹ In 2025, CPAB conducted an inspection of one reporting issuer file audited by WDM Chartered Professional Accountants (the “Firm” or “WDM”) pursuant to Section 400 of the Rules of the Canadian Public Accountability Board (the “Rules”), as authorized by the *Canadian Public Accountability Board Act*, R.S.O. 2006, C. C-33 (the “Act”).
2. During the 2025 inspection, no significant inspection findings² were identified. This was the first inspection since enforcement actions were imposed in 2023 and although the results improved, a sustained improvement in audit quality is typically required before the enforcement actions are significantly modified. As such, CPAB determined it appropriate to continue the restriction on the acceptance of moderate and high-risk reporting issuers and various requirements. Other requirements that were implemented by the firm are no longer in effect. These actions have been taken in accordance with CPAB’s mandate to foster confidence in the integrity of financial reporting by Canadian reporting issuers.

PART II – The Parties

3. WDM is a public accounting firm headquartered in the province of British Columbia. It has a public company audit practice and at the time of CPAB’s 2025 inspection, the Firm audited fewer than 50 reporting issuers.
4. Pursuant to National Instrument 52-108 Auditor Oversight, auditors of Canadian reporting issuers are required to be registered with CPAB as a Participating Audit Firm. Participating Audit Firms are authorized to audit financial statements issued by Canadian reporting issuers. WDM was, at all relevant times, registered with CPAB pursuant to Rule 200.

¹A reporting issuer is a company that has gone public by issuing securities under a prospectus or is listed on a recognized stock exchange. Reporting issuer is defined within Part/Section 1 of each province and territories *Securities Act*.

² A significant inspection finding is defined as a deficiency in the application of auditing or other relevant professional standards, as defined in Section 300 of CPAB’s Rules, where the audit firm must perform additional audit work to support the audit opinion and/or is required to make significant changes to its audit approach.

PART III – Facts

5. WDM is subject to periodic inspections by CPAB. As a consequence of significant inspection findings identified in three consecutive inspections (2019, 2022 and 2023), certain enforcement actions were imposed on the Firm. Such actions included a restriction on the acceptance of medium and high-risk reporting issuers. See the [2023 enforcement report](#) or more information.
6. During the 2025 inspection, CPAB inspected one audit file, and no significant inspection findings were identified.

PART IV – Enforcement actions continued

7. In view of various factors, including the Firm's current and historical inspection results and the need for demonstrated sustained improvement in audit quality, CPAB determined it appropriate to continue the following restriction:
 - WDM is prohibited from accepting new moderate and high-risk reporting issuer audits, including those resulting from initial public offerings, reverse takeovers or other transactions.
8. WDM also continues to be required to retain external professionals to act as engagement quality reviewers for its existing moderate and high-risk reporting issuers, engage in enhanced regulatory oversight and pay a monetary assessment to recover the costs of enhanced oversight and monitoring of the Firm's compliance with the restriction.
9. Each enforcement action shall continue until the Firm has, to CPAB's satisfaction, demonstrated sustained improvement in audit quality or until the above noted enforcement actions are otherwise terminated pursuant to an application under Rule 605.

PART V – Enforcement actions satisfied and no longer in effect

10. Various requirements imposed on the Firm in 2023 have since been satisfied and are therefore no longer in effect. These include i) engagement of an external party to provide education and training to all reporting issuer assurance partners and staff, ii) assessment of its portfolio of reporting issuer audit engagements in relation to specified criteria, iii) completion of a root cause analysis, and iv) development and implementation of an audit quality action plan.