

AUSIEX Compliance Programme – interim summary report

Scope and approach

On 17 March 2023, A&O Consulting (A&O), which forms part of Allen and Overy, was appointed by AUSIEX to perform the role of independent expert for the AUSIEX Compliance Programme.

The AUSIEX Compliance Programme required A&O to conduct a review, testing and assessment (Phase 1 Review) of the adequacy and effectiveness of AUSIEX's existing remediation relating to the Reported Conduct and its Root Causes, and the adequacy and effectiveness of all Systems and Controls, to determine whether reasonable steps have been taken by AUSIEX to ensure current and ongoing compliance with the Relevant Provisions, as defined in Schedule 2 of the Federal Court Order dated 25 October 2022.

On 10 October 2023, A&O delivered a report in relation to the Phase 1 Review (Phase 1 Report) to ASIC and AUSIEX. This report included, among other things, details of gaps, weaknesses, risks and deficiencies of the existing remediation and Systems and Controls identified during the Phase 1 Review and recommendations on how to rectify identified deficiencies.

The Phase 1 Report also included A&O's assessment and benchmarking of deficiencies against internationally recognised standards, including ISO 31000: Risk Management, ISO/IEC 38500: 2015 Information technology – Governance of IT for the organisation, COBIT 5 and COSO Enterprise Risk Management.

Findings and recommendations

A&O identified 35 deficiencies based on the Phase 1 Review and made 38 recommendations on how to rectify the deficiencies.

Next steps

AUSIEX has developed a Phase 1 Remedial Action Plan to address the deficiencies and recommendations identified in the Phase 1 Report.

Following implementation of the actions from the Phase 1 Remedial Action Plan, A&O will review and report on:

- whether the actions implemented from the Phase 1 Remedial Action Plan have rectified the deficiencies and addressed the recommendations in the Phase 1 Report; and
- the effectiveness of AUSIEX's implementation of the recommendations and actions arising from the Phase 1 Report.