# 2024 Inspection Crowe LLP

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

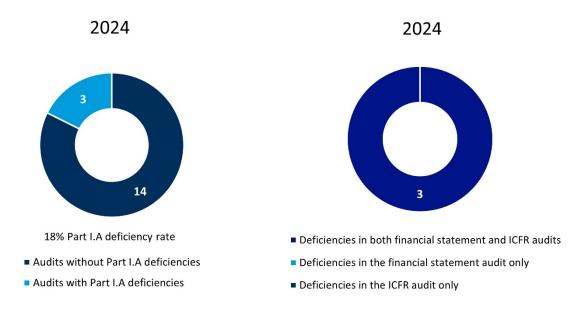
Our 2024 inspection report on Crowe LLP provides information on our inspection to assess the firm's compliance with Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) standards and rules and other applicable regulatory and professional requirements. This executive summary offers a high-level overview of what is included in this report:

- Part I.A of the report discusses deficiencies ("Part I.A deficiencies") in certain issuer audits that
  were of such significance that we believe the firm, at the time it issued its audit report(s), had
  not obtained sufficient appropriate audit evidence to support its opinion(s) on the issuer's
  financial statements and/or internal control over financial reporting (ICFR).
- Part I.B of the report discusses certain deficiencies ("Part I.B deficiencies") that relate to
  instances of non-compliance with PCAOB standards or rules other than those where the firm
  had not obtained sufficient appropriate audit evidence to support its opinion(s). This section
  does not discuss instances of apparent non-compliance with rules related to maintaining
  independence.
- Part I.C of the report discusses instances of apparent non-compliance with rules related to maintaining independence ("Part I.C deficiencies").

If we include a Part I.A or Part I.B deficiency in this report — other than those deficiencies for audits with incorrect opinions on the financial statements and/or ICFR — it does not necessarily mean that the issuer's financial statements are materially misstated or that undisclosed material weaknesses in ICFR exist. If we include a Part I.C deficiency in this report, it does not necessarily mean that the Board has concluded the firm was not objective and impartial throughout the audit and professional engagement period. If we include a deficiency in Part I.A, Part I.B, or Part I.C of this report, it does not necessarily mean that the firm has not addressed the deficiency.

#### Overview of the 2024 Deficiencies Included in Part I

Three of the 17 audits we reviewed in 2024 are included in Part I.A of this report due to the significance of the deficiencies identified. The identified deficiencies primarily related to the firm's testing of controls over and substantive testing of the allowance for credit losses.



The most common Part I.A deficiencies in 2024 related to testing the design or operating effectiveness of controls selected for testing, testing controls over the accuracy and completeness of data or reports used in the operation of controls, and testing an estimate.

The Part I.B deficiencies in 2024 related to consideration of fraud, retention of audit documentation, audit committee communications, and risk assessment.

The Part I.C deficiencies in 2024 related to audit committee pre-approval.

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#### 2024 INSPECTION

In the 2024 inspection of Crowe LLP, the PCAOB assessed the firm's compliance with laws, rules, and professional standards applicable to the audits of issuers.

We selected for review 17 audits of issuers with fiscal years ending in 2023. For each issuer audit selected, we reviewed a portion of the audit. We also evaluated elements of the firm's system of quality control.

#### What's Included in this Inspection Report

This report includes the following sections:

- Overview of the 2024 Inspection and Historical Data by Inspection Year: Information on our inspection, historical data, and common deficiencies.
- Part I Inspection Observations:
  - Part I.A: Deficiencies that were of such significance that we believe the firm, at the time it
    issued its audit report(s), had not obtained sufficient appropriate audit evidence to support
    its opinion(s) on the issuer's financial statements and/or ICFR.
  - Part I.B: Certain deficiencies that relate to instances of non-compliance with PCAOB standards or rules other than those where the firm had not obtained sufficient appropriate audit evidence to support its opinion(s). This section does not discuss instances of apparent non-compliance with rules related to maintaining independence.
  - o **Part I.C:** Instances of apparent non-compliance with rules related to maintaining independence.

Consistent with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act ("Act"), it is the Board's assessment that nothing in Part I of this report deals with a criticism of, or potential defect in, the firm's quality control system. We discuss any such criticisms or potential defects in Part II. Further, you should not infer from any Part I deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, that we identified a quality control finding in Part II.

- Part II Observations Related to Quality Control: Criticisms of, or potential defects in, the firm's system of quality control. Section 104(g)(2) of the Act restricts us from publicly disclosing Part II deficiencies unless the firm does not address the criticisms or potential defects to the Board's satisfaction no later than 12 months after the issuance of this report.
- Appendix A Firm's Response to the Draft Inspection Report: The firm's response to a draft of this report, excluding any portion granted confidential treatment.

#### 2024 Inspection Approach

In selecting issuer audits for review, we use both risk-based and random methods of selection. We make the majority of our selections based on (1) our internal evaluation of audits we believe have a heightened risk of material misstatement, including those with challenging audit areas, and (2) other risk-based characteristics, including issuer and firm considerations. We also select audits randomly to provide an element of unpredictability.

When we review an audit, we do not review every aspect of the audit. Rather, we generally focus our attention on audit areas we believe to be of greater complexity, areas of greater significance or with a heightened risk of material misstatement to the issuer's financial statements, and areas of recurring deficiencies. We may also select some audit areas for review in a manner designed to incorporate unpredictability.

Our selection of audits for review does not constitute a representative sample of the firm's total population of issuer audits. Additionally, our inspection findings are specific to the particular portions of the issuer audits reviewed. They are not an assessment of all of the firm's audit work nor of all of the audit procedures performed for the audits reviewed.

Our target team performs inspection procedures in areas of current audit risk and emerging topics and focuses its reviews primarily on evaluating the firm's procedures related to that risk or topic. In 2024, our target team focused primarily on the firm's procedures to identify and assess risks of material misstatement.

View the details on the scope of our inspections and our inspections procedures.

# OVERVIEW OF THE 2024 INSPECTION AND HISTORICAL DATA BY INSPECTION YEAR

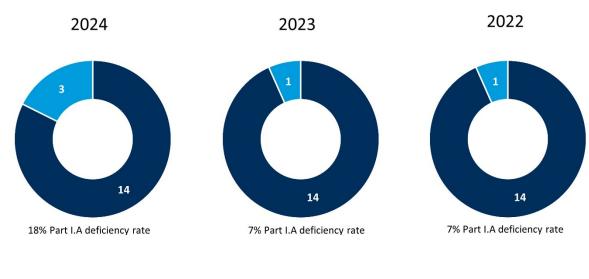
The following information provides an overview of our 2024 inspection as well as data from the previous two inspections. We use a combination of risk-based and random methods to select audits for review and to identify areas on which we focus our review. Because our inspection process evolves over time, it can, and often does, focus on a different mix of audits and audit areas from year to year and firm to firm. As a result of this variation, we caution that our inspection results are not necessarily comparable over time or among firms.

#### **Audits Selected for Review**

	2024	2023	2022			
Total audits reviewed						
Total audits reviewed	17	15	15			
Selection me	thod					
Risk-based selections	13	13	13			
Random selections	2	2	2			
Target team selections	2	0	0			
Total audits reviewed	17	15	15			
Principal aud	itor					
Audits in which the firm was the principal auditor	17	15	15			
Audits in which the firm was not the principal auditor	0	0	0			
Total audits reviewed	17	15	15			
Audit type						
Integrated audits of financial statements and ICFR	12	13	11			
Financial statement audits only	5	2	4			
Total audits reviewed	17	15	15			

#### Part I.A Deficiencies in Audits Reviewed

In 2024, 2023, and 2022, the audits appearing in Part I.A were selected for review using risk-based criteria.



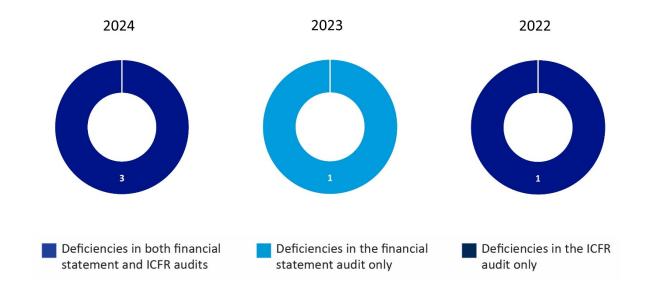
- Audits without Part I.A deficiencies
- Audits with Part I.A deficiencies

If we include a deficiency in Part I.A of our report, it does not necessarily mean that the firm has not addressed the deficiency. In certain cases, the firm may have performed remedial actions after the deficiency was identified. Depending on the circumstances, remedial actions may include performing additional audit procedures, informing management of the issuer of the need for changes to the financial statements or reporting on ICFR, or taking steps to prevent reliance on prior audit reports.

Our inspection may include a review, on a sample basis, of the adequacy of a firm's remedial actions, either with respect to previously identified deficiencies or deficiencies identified during the current inspection. If a firm does not take appropriate actions to address deficiencies, we may criticize its system of quality control or pursue a disciplinary action.

If we include a Part I.A or Part I.B deficiency in our report — other than those deficiencies for audits with incorrect opinions on the financial statements and/or ICFR — it does not necessarily mean that the issuer's financial statements are materially misstated or that undisclosed material weaknesses in ICFR exist. It is often not possible for us to reach a conclusion on those points based on our inspection procedures and related findings because, for example, we have only the information that the auditor retained and the issuer's public disclosures. We do not have direct access to the issuer's management, underlying books and records, and other information.

# Audits Affected by the Deficiencies Identified in Part I.A



The following tables and graphs summarize inspection-related information, by inspection year, for 2024 and the previous two inspections. We caution against making any comparison of the data provided without reading the descriptions of the underlying deficiencies in each respective inspection report.

## Most Frequently Identified Part I.A Deficiencies

Deficiencies in audits of financial statements	Audits with Part I.A deficiencies			
Denticines in duals of infancial statements	2024	2023	2022	
Did not sufficiently test an estimate	2	1	0	
Did not perform sufficient testing of data or reports used in the firm's substantive testing	1	0	1	

Deficiencies in ICFR audits	Audits with Part I.A deficiencies				
Deficiencies in ici it addits	2024	2023	2022		
Did not perform sufficient testing of the design and/or operating effectiveness of controls selected for testing	2	0	0		
Did not identify and/or sufficiently test controls over the accuracy and completeness of data or reports that the issuer used in the operation of controls	2	0	1		
Did not identify and test any controls that addressed the risks related to a significant account or relevant assertion	1	0	1		

## **Audit Areas Most Frequently Reviewed**

This table reflects the five audit areas we have selected most frequently for review in each inspection year and the related Part I.A deficiencies. For the issuer audits selected for review, we selected these areas because they were generally significant to the issuer's financial statements, may have included complex issues for auditors, and/or involved complex judgments in (1) estimating and auditing the reported value of related accounts and disclosures and (2) implementing and auditing the related controls.

2024			2023			2022		
Audit area	Audits reviewed	Audits with Part I.A deficiencies	Audit area	Audits reviewed	Audits with Part I.A deficiencies	Audit area	Audits reviewed	Audits with Part I.A deficiencies
Allowance for credit losses	12	2	Investment securities	11	1	Allowance for credit losses/ Allowance for loan losses	11	0
Investment securities	9	0	Allowance for credit losses/ Allowance for loan losses	7	0	Investment securities	7	0
Revenue and related accounts	3	1	Going concern	5	0	Business combinations	4	0
Long-lived assets	2	0	Business combinations	4	0	Revenue and related accounts	3	1
Deposit liabilities	1	0	Revenue and related accounts	3	0	Inventory	2	1

#### Audit Areas with Frequent Part I.A Deficiencies

This table reflects the audit areas with the most frequently identified Part I.A deficiencies in each inspection year with the corresponding results for the other two years presented.

	2024		202	23	2022	
Audit area	Audits with Part I.A deficiencies	Audits reviewed	Audits with Part I.A deficiencies	Audits reviewed	Audits with Part I.A deficiencies	Audits reviewed
Allowance for credit losses/ Allowance for loan losses	2	12	0	7	0	11
Revenue and related accounts	1	3	0	3	1	3
Leases	1	1	0	0	0	0
Investment securities	0	9	1	11	0	7
Inventory	0	0	0	2	1	2

**Allowance for credit losses/Allowance for loan losses:** The deficiencies in 2024 related to substantive testing of, and testing controls over, data and/or assumptions that the issuer used in estimating the allowance for credit losses.

**Revenue and related accounts:** The deficiency in 2024 related to substantive testing of the accuracy and completeness of data used to test revenue. The deficiencies in 2022 related to testing controls over revenue.

**Leases:** The deficiency in 2024 related to testing a control over lease classification.

**Investment securities:** The deficiencies in 2023 related to substantive testing of the valuation of held-to-maturity investment securities.

**Inventory:** The deficiencies in 2022 related to substantive testing of, and testing controls over, inventory.

## Auditing Standards Associated with Identified Part I.A Deficiencies

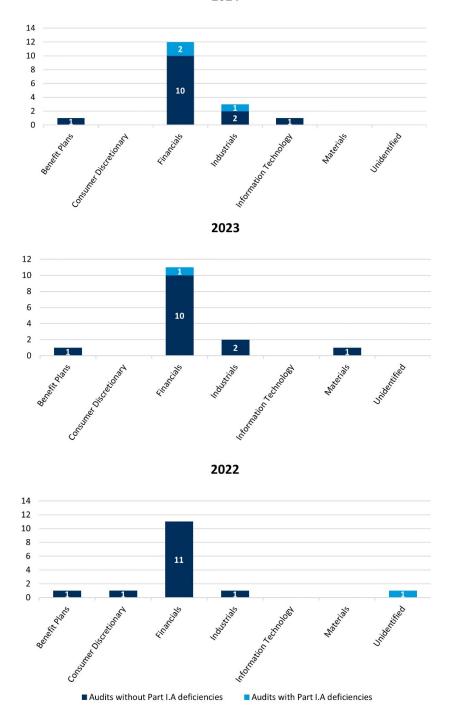
The following lists the auditing standards referenced in Part I.A of the 2024 and the previous two inspection reports, and the number of times that the standard is cited in Part I.A.

PCAOB Auditing Standards	2024	2023	2022
AS 1105, Audit Evidence	2	0	2
AS 2201, An Audit of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting That Is Integrated with An Audit of Financial Statements	5	0	3
AS 2301, The Auditor's Responses to the Risks of Material Misstatement	0	1	2
AS 2315, Audit Sampling	0	0	1
AS 2501, Auditing Accounting Estimates, Including Fair Value Measurements	1	1	0

# Inspection Results by Issuer Industry Sector

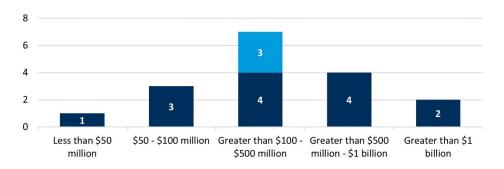
The majority of industry sector data is based on Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) data obtained from Standard & Poor's (S&P). In instances where GICS data for an issuer is not available from S&P, classifications are assigned based upon North American Industry Classification System data. In instances where classifying an issuer using its industry sector could make an issuer identifiable, we have instead classified such issuer(s) as "unidentified."

#### 2024

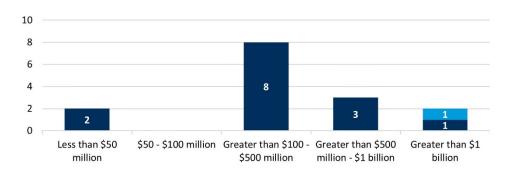


## Inspection Results by Issuer Revenue Range

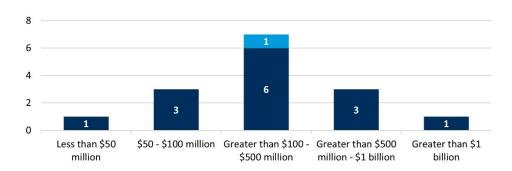
#### 2024



#### 2023



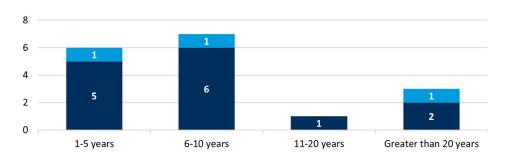
#### 2022



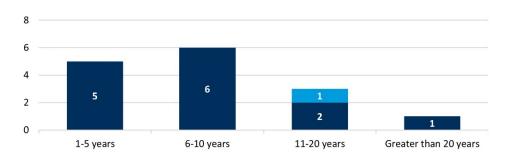
■ Audits without Part I.A deficiencies ■ Audits with Part I.A deficiencies

# Inspection Results by the Firm's Tenure on the Issuer

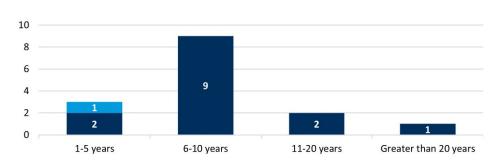
#### 2024



#### 2023



#### 2022

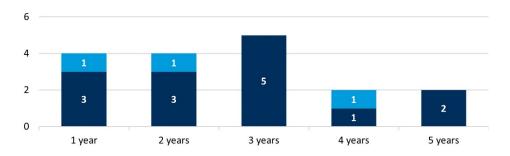


■ Audits without Part I.A deficiencies

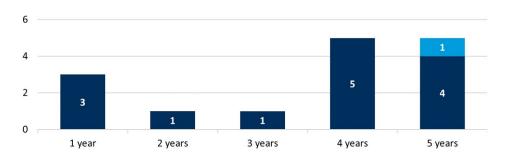
■ Audits with Part I.A deficiencies

# Inspection Results by the Engagement Partner's Tenure on the Issuer

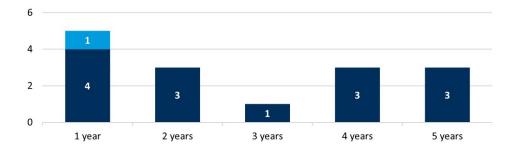
2024



2023



#### 2022



Audits with Part I.A deficiencies ■ Audits without Part I.A deficiencies

#### Classification of Audits with Part I.A Deficiencies

Within Part I.A of this report, we classify each issuer audit in one of the categories discussed below based on the Part I.A deficiency or deficiencies identified in our review.

The purpose of this classification system is to group and present issuer audits by the number of Part I.A deficiencies we identified within the audit as well as to highlight audits with an incorrect opinion on the financial statements and/or ICFR.

#### Audits with an Incorrect Opinion on the Financial Statements and/or ICFR

This classification includes instances where a deficiency was identified in connection with our inspection and, as a result, an issuer's financial statements were determined to be materially misstated, and the issuer restated its financial statements. It also includes instances where a deficiency was identified in connection with our inspection and, as a result, an issuer's ICFR was determined to be ineffective, or there were additional material weaknesses that the firm did not identify, and the firm withdrew its opinion, or revised its report, on ICFR. This classification does not include instances where, unrelated to our review, an issuer restated its financial statements and/or an issuer's ICFR was determined to be ineffective. We include any deficiencies identified in connection with our reviews of these audits in the audits with multiple deficiencies or audits with a single deficiency classification below.

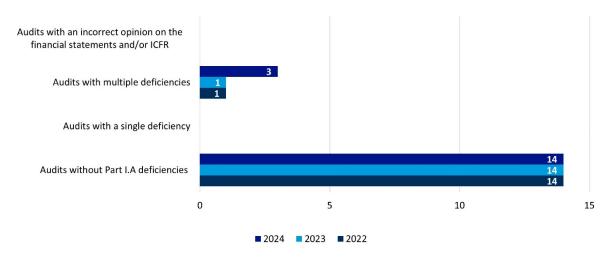
#### **Audits with Multiple Deficiencies**

This classification includes instances where multiple deficiencies were identified that related to a combination of one or more financial statement accounts, disclosures, and/or important controls in an ICFR audit.

#### Audits with a Single Deficiency

This classification includes instances where a single deficiency was identified that related to a financial statement account or disclosure or to an important control in an ICFR audit.

## Number of Audits in Each Category



#### PART I: INSPECTION OBSERVATIONS

Part I.A of our report discusses deficiencies that were of such significance that we believe the firm, at the time it issued its audit report(s), had not obtained sufficient appropriate audit evidence to support its opinion(s) on the issuer's financial statements and/or ICFR.

Part I.B discusses certain deficiencies that relate to instances of non-compliance with PCAOB standards or rules other than those where the firm had not obtained sufficient appropriate audit evidence to support its opinion(s). This section does not discuss instances of apparent non-compliance with rules related to maintaining independence.

Part I.C discusses instances of apparent non-compliance with rules related to maintaining independence.

Consistent with the Act, it is the Board's assessment that nothing in Part I of this report deals with a criticism of, or potential defect in, the firm's quality control system. We discuss any such criticisms or potential defects in Part II. Further, you should not infer from any Part I deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, that we identified a quality control finding in Part II.

#### PART I.A: AUDITS WITH UNSUPPORTED OPINIONS

This section of our report discusses the deficiencies identified, by specific issuer audit reviewed, in the audit work supporting the firm's opinion(s) on the issuer's financial statements and/or ICFR.

We identify each issuer by a letter (e.g., Issuer A) and industry sector. Each deficiency could relate to several auditing standards, but we reference the PCAOB standard(s) that most directly relates to the requirement with which the firm did not comply.

We present issuer audits below within their respective deficiency classifications (as discussed previously). Within the classifications, we generally present the audits based on our assessment as to the relative significance of the identified deficiencies, taking into account the significance of the financial statement accounts and/or disclosures affected, and/or the nature or extent of the deficiencies.

# Audits with an Incorrect Opinion on the Financial Statements and/or ICFR

None

**Audits with Multiple Deficiencies** 

Issuer A – Financials

Type of audit and related area affected

In our review, we identified deficiencies in the financial statement and ICFR audits related to the **Allowance for Credit Losses (ACL)**, for which the firm identified a significant risk.

#### Description of the deficiencies identified

The issuer determined the qualitative reserve component of the ACL using various qualitative factors. The following deficiencies were identified:

- The firm selected for testing a control that included the issuer's reviews of these qualitative
  factors. The firm did not evaluate the specific review procedures that the control owners
  performed to assess the reasonableness of certain factors. (AS 2201.42 and .44) In addition, the
  firm did not identify and test any controls over the accuracy and completeness of certain loan
  information that the control owners used in the operation of this control. (AS 2201.39)
- The firm's approach for substantively testing the ACL was to test the issuer's process. The firm did not sufficiently evaluate the reasonableness of certain significant assumptions the issuer used to develop the qualitative reserve component of the ACL because its procedures were limited to a year-over-year comparison of these significant assumptions. (AS 2501.16)

#### Issuer B - Financials

#### Type of audit and related area affected

In our review, we identified deficiencies in the financial statement and ICFR audits related to the ACL.

#### Description of the deficiencies identified

The issuer engaged a specialist to assist it in determining the quantitative reserve component of the ACL using a model that was developed by the company's specialist. The following deficiencies were identified:

- The firm selected for testing a control that consisted of the issuer's review of the ACL. The firm did not evaluate the specific review procedures that the control owners performed to assess the reasonableness of the forecasting assumption developed by the company's specialist and used in the model. (AS 2201.42 and .44)
- The firm selected for testing a control that consisted of the issuer's reconciliation of certain loan
  data but did not identify and test any controls over the completeness of certain reports that the
  control owner used in the operation of this control. (AS 2201.39)
- The firm did not evaluate the reasonableness of the forecasting significant assumption that was developed by the company's specialist and used in the model. (AS 1105.A8b)

#### Issuer C – Industrials

#### Type of audit and related areas affected

In our review, we identified deficiencies in the financial statement and ICFR audits related to **Revenue** and **Leases**. This was the firm's initial audit of this issuer.

#### Description of the deficiencies identified

The issuer recognized certain revenue based on product volumes delivered to its customers and accounted for certain of these arrangements as operating leases. The following deficiencies were identified:

- The firm identified a control deficiency related to the issuer's lack of controls over the accuracy of the volume data. The firm used these volume data in its substantive testing of this revenue but did not perform any procedures to test the accuracy and completeness of these data. (AS 1105.10)
- The firm did not identify and test any controls that addressed whether the issuer's classification of certain arrangements as operating leases was appropriate. (AS 2201.39)

Audits with a Single Deficiency

None

# PART I.B: OTHER INSTANCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE WITH PCAOB STANDARDS OR RULES

This section of our report discusses certain deficiencies that relate to instances of non-compliance with PCAOB standards or rules other than those where the firm had not obtained sufficient appropriate audit evidence to support its opinion(s). This section does not discuss instances of apparent non-compliance with rules related to maintaining independence.

When we review an audit, we do not review every aspect of the audit. As a result, the areas below were not necessarily reviewed on every audit. In some cases, we assess the firm's compliance with specific PCAOB standards or rules on other audits that were not reviewed and include any instances of noncompliance below.

The deficiencies below are presented in numerical order based on the PCAOB standard or rule with which the firm did not comply. We identified the following deficiencies:

- In one of 17 audits reviewed, the firm, when testing journal entries for evidence of possible material misstatement due to fraud, did not perform procedures to determine whether the journal entry population from which it made its selections was complete. In this instance, the firm was non-compliant with AS 1105, *Audit Evidence*.
- In one of 17 audits reviewed, the firm did not include all relevant work papers in the final set of audit documentation it was required to assemble. In this instance, the firm was non-compliant with AS 1215, *Audit Documentation*.
- In one of 17 audits reviewed, the firm did not make certain required communications to the audit committee related to (1) the extent to which the auditor planned to use the work of internal auditors and (2) uncorrected misstatements. In these instances, the firm was non-compliant with AS 1301, Communications with Audit Committees.
- In 16 of 17 audits reviewed, the firm did not inquire of, and/or make all required inquiries of, certain members of management about fraud risks. In these instances, the firm was non-compliant with AS 2110, *Identifying and Assessing Risks of Material Misstatement*.

#### PART I.C: INDEPENDENCE

PCAOB Rule 3520, *Auditor Independence*, requires a firm and its personnel to be independent of the firm's audit clients. This requirement encompasses not only an obligation to satisfy the independence criteria set out in PCAOB rules and standards but also an obligation to satisfy all other independence criteria applicable to an engagement, including the independence criteria set out by the SEC in Regulation S-X, 17 C.F.R. § 210.2-01, *Qualifications of Accountants* ("Rule 2-01").

This section of our report discusses identified instances of apparent non-compliance with PCAOB Rule 3520. An instance of apparent non-compliance with PCAOB Rule 3520 does not necessarily mean that the Board has concluded the firm was not objective and impartial throughout the audit and professional engagement period. Although this section includes instances of apparent non-compliance with PCAOB Rule 3520 that the firm brought to our attention, there may be other instances of non-compliance with rules related to independence that were not identified through our procedures or the firm's monitoring activities.

#### **PCAOB-Identified**

We did not identify any instances of apparent non-compliance with PCAOB Rule 3520.

#### Firm-Identified

During the inspection, the firm brought to our attention that it had identified, through its independence monitoring activities, for a 12-month period, five instances across two issuers, representing approximately 2% of the firm's total reported issuer audits, in which the firm appeared to have impaired its independence because it may not have complied with Rule 2-01(c) related to maintaining independence. One of these instances of apparent non-compliance involved a non-U.S. associated firm.

While we have not evaluated the underlying reasons for the instances of apparent non-compliance with PCAOB Rule 3520, the number, large or small, of firm-identified instances of apparent non-compliance may be reflective of the size of the firm, including the number of non-U.S. associated firms in the global network; the design and effectiveness of the firm's independence monitoring activities; and the size and/or complexity of the issuers it audits, including the number of affiliates of the issuer. Therefore, we caution against making any comparison of these firm-identified instances of apparent non-compliance across firms.

The firm reported five instances of apparent non-compliance with Rule 2-01(c)(7) regarding audit committee pre-approval. Four of these instances related to tax services provided by a non-U.S. associated firm without those engagements having been pre-approved by the audit committee.

The firm has reported to us that it has evaluated these instances of apparent non-compliance and determined in all instances that its objectivity and impartiality were not impaired. The firm also reported to us that it communicated these instances to the issuers' audit committees as required by PCAOB Rule 3526.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The firm-identified instances of apparent non-compliance do not necessarily relate to the issuer audits that we selected for review.

### PART II: OBSERVATIONS RELATED TO QUALITY CONTROL

Part II of our report discusses criticisms of, and potential defects in, the firm's system of quality control.

We include deficiencies in Part II if an analysis of the inspection results, including the results of the reviews of individual audits, indicates that the firm's system of quality control does not provide reasonable assurance that firm personnel will comply with applicable professional standards and requirements. Generally, the report's description of quality control criticisms is based on observations from our inspection procedures.

This report does not reflect changes or improvements to the firm's system of quality control that the firm may have made subsequent to the period covered by our inspection. The Board does consider such changes or improvements in assessing whether the firm has satisfactorily addressed the quality control criticisms or defects no later than 12 months after the issuance of this report.

When we issue our reports, we do not make public criticisms of, and potential defects in, the firm's system of quality control, to the extent any are identified. If a firm does not address to the Board's satisfaction any criticism of, or potential defect in, the firm's system of quality control within 12 months after the issuance of our report, we will make public any such deficiency.

# APPENDIX A: FIRM'S RESPONSE TO THE DRAFT INSPECTION REPORT

Pursuant to Section 104(f) of the Act, 15 U.S.C. § 7214(f), and PCAOB Rule 4007(a), the firm provided a written response to a draft of this report. Pursuant to Section 104(f) of the Act and PCAOB Rule 4007(b), the firm's response, excluding any portion granted confidential treatment, is attached hereto and made part of this final inspection report.

The Board does not make public any of a firm's comments that address a nonpublic portion of the report unless a firm specifically requests otherwise. In some cases, the result may be that none of a firm's response is made publicly available.

In addition, pursuant to Section 104(f) of the Act, 15 U.S.C. § 7214(f), and PCAOB Rule 4007(b), if a firm requests, and the Board grants, confidential treatment for any of the firm's comments on a draft report, the Board does not include those comments in the final report. The Board routinely grants confidential treatment, if requested, for any portion of a firm's response that addresses any point in the draft that the Board omits from, or any inaccurate statement in the draft that the Board corrects in, the final report.



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Ms. Christine Gunia, Director Division of Registration and Inspections Public Company Accounting Oversight Board 1666 K Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20006

Re: Response to Part I of the Draft Report on the 2024 Inspection of Crowe LLP

Dear Ms. Gunia:

Crowe LLP appreciates the opportunity to respond to the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board's ("PCAOB") draft report on the 2024 Inspection of Crowe LLP (the "Report").

We believe the PCAOB's inspection process serves an important role in improving audit quality for the benefit of investors and the public interest. We take seriously the matters identified by the PCAOB, which we analyze in our ongoing efforts to strengthen our quality control processes and audit performance.

We have carefully considered the matters identified in Part I of the Report and have taken actions to address the matters in accordance with PCAOB standards and our policies. These actions included performing additional procedures when appropriate and adding documentation in our files to further describe and support our procedures and conclusions.

Crowe LLP is committed to performing high quality audits, and we have designed our quality control and monitoring systems to drive continuous improvement. We look forward to continued dialogue with the PCAOB to advance the shared goal of audit quality.

Sincerely,

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