

Appendix

Using firms from more than one network

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- How the group auditor will assess the independence and professional competence of firms from other networks.
- How the group auditor will ensure they are familiar with the methodology of the other firms in order to allow it to evaluate the audit evidence obtained.
- The arrangements the firms from different networks will make to ensure they communicate effectively with each other.
- The overall costs or savings associated with using firms from more than one network.

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- ~~How effectively will~~ ~~The arrangements the~~ -firms from different networks ~~will make to ensure they~~ communicate ~~effectively~~ with each other.?
- ~~The overall costs or savings associated with using firms from more than one network.~~
- ~~What costs will be attached to the group auditor assessing firms from other networks, evaluating audit evidence obtained by them and addressing any issues?~~

Use of joint auditors

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- How ~~effectively would~~ the two joint auditors will coordinate their work and cooperate with each other in reviewing findings? ~~In particular, is there a risk that parts of the company's accounts could "fall between the gaps" of two firms?~~
- Any likely cost savings or additional costs compared to other benefits and costs of the arrangement.
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- ~~Could management "divide and conquer" the firms, ie. allocate responsibilities to them in a way that directs attention away from areas where audit issues could be highest?~~
- ~~Where there is an overlap of effort between the two firms, how costly would this be?~~