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Alex Neil has approximately 13 years of experience in providing assurance and advisory services to a global client base of institutions across a number of industries, including Financial Services, Life Sciences, Real Estate, Technology and Retail. Alex provides accounting and financial reporting advisory services under US GAAP and IFRS focusing on complex capital raising and financing structures, merger & acquisition transactions, financial instruments, derivatives and leasing.

Alex leads KPMG's Accounting Advisory Services Debt and Equity topic team and has significant experience in evaluating the accounting and EPS considerations for a variety of complex debt and equity structures. In addition, Alex has extensive experience in advising clients on the accounting considerations under US GAAP and IFRS on a number of merger and acquisition transactions including consolidations, business combinations, step acquisitions, complex variable interest entities structures and equity method investments. Furthermore, as a designated "Financial Derivative Resource" of KPMG, Alex provides consultation on all matters involving complex financial instruments and hedging activities under US GAAP and IFRS and he also actively advises clients on structured leasing arrangements, stock based compensation and securitizations.

In addition to advising clients on technical accounting matters, Alex also provides advice over financial reporting processes; controls and best practices helping his clients improve the efficiency, effectiveness and risk management of their reporting processes. A sample of Alex's engagements have involved conducting reviews of his clients financial statement preparation process and resulting 10Ks and 10Qs; performing in depth assessments of his client's cash flow statement processes and procedures; and developing an analytical review tool for analysis of financial statement data.



Alex has provided advice and reports regarding the application of accounting literature for clients involved in disputes over purchase price amounts in M&A transactions. In addition, Alex has assisted his clients address government investigations surrounding accounting matters and the application of generally accepted accounting principles.

Alex has deep experience in Accounting Change engagements most recently having led the KPMG team on a major project for a large automotive finance company to address the pending changes to US GAAP. Alex has also led numerous engagements for US Public companies adopting new accounting standards; he was an active member of three IFRS conversion engagements for US subsidiaries of Fortune 500 companies and he was a key member involved on the IFRS audit and conversion of a major global banking institution from US GAAP to IFRS.

Alex received a bachelor of business, Accounting and Finance from the University of Technology of Sydney.