Statutory Accounting Principles (E) Working Group

**Maintenance Agenda Submission Form**

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## **Issue: SSAP No. 25 – Affiliate Reporting Clarification**

**Check (applicable entity):**

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Modification of Existing SSAP

New Issue or SSAP

Interpretation

Description of Issue:

At its May 24, 2022, meeting, the Statutory Accounting Principles (E) Working Group adopted agenda item *2021-21: Related Party Reporting*, which included revisions to clarify application of the existing affiliate definition as well as to incorporate new disclosure requirements for investments acquired through, or in, related parties, regardless of if they meet the affiliate definition. During the discussion on the call, it was suggested that there needs to be a clarification of when an investment is considered to be and affiliated investment and reported on the affiliated line in the investment schedules. When agenda item 2021-21 was adopted, it included a recommendation that NAIC staff look to further clarify when investments should be classified as affiliated in the reporting schedules. This agenda item intends to clarify that an investment held from an affiliate is considered an affiliated investment.

Existing Authoritative Literature:

The *Insurance Holding Company System Regulatory Act* (Model #440) establishes the laws for holding company structures. The Act also establishes the concept of an affiliate in Section 1A, and this definition is used for statutory accounting purposes.

A. “Affiliate.” An “affiliate” of, or person “affiliated” with, a specific person, is a person that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, or is controlled by, or is under common control with, the person specified.

*SSAP No. 25—Affiliates and Other Related Parties* establishes statutory accounting principles for affiliates and related parties. This definition is the language that is used to help define when an investment is affiliated or nonaffiliated for reporting in the various investment schedules.

1. An affiliate is defined as an entity that is within the holding company system or a party that, directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the reporting entity. An affiliate includes a parent or subsidiary and may also include partnerships, joint ventures, and limited liability companies as defined in *SSAP No. 48—Joint Ventures, Partnerships and Limited Liability Companies*. Those entities are accounted for under the guidance provided in SSAP No. 48, which requires an equity method for all such investments. An affiliate is any person that is directly or indirectly, owned or controlled by the same person or by the same group of persons, that, directly or indirectly, own or control the reporting entity.

Activity to Date (issues previously addressed by the Working Group, Emerging Accounting Issues (E) Working Group, SEC, FASB, other State Departments of Insurance or other NAIC groups):

In March 2021, the Statutory Accounting Principles (E) Working Group adopted revisions to SSAP No. 25 pursuant to agenda item 2019-34: Related Parties, Disclaimers of Affiliation and Variable Interest Entities. Additionally, a new reporting Schedule Y, Part 3 was adopted by the Blanks (E) Working Group in proposal 2020-37BWG, with an initial effective date of Dec. 31, 2021, to capture information on all entities with ownership greater than 10%, the ultimate controlling parties of those owners and other entities that the ultimate controlling party controls.

On May 24, 2022, the Working Group adopted revisions to SSAP No. 25 and *SSAP No. 43R—Loan-Backed and Structured Securities*, to clarify application of the existing affiliate definition as well as to incorporate new disclosure requirements for investments acquired through, or in, related parties, regardless of if they meet the affiliate definition, and included a new disclosure that was adopted by the Blanks (E) Working Group in proposal 2021-22BWG, which adds a new electronic-only column for the investment schedules and the related instructions which describes the nature of any related party relationship that exists related to the investment.

**Information or issues (included in *Description of Issue*) not previously contemplated by the Working Group:**

None

**Convergence with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS):** None

Staff Recommendation: NAIC staff recommends that the Working Group move this item to the active listing, categorized as a SAP clarification, and expose revisions to SSAP No. 25 to clarify that any invested asset held by a reporting entity which is issued by an affiliated entity, or which includes the obligations of an affiliated entity is an affiliated investment. Staff also recommend that Working Group direct the Blanks (E) Working Group to modify the Annual Statement Instructions as illustrated below.

Proposed edits to SSAP No. 25:

1. An affiliate is defined as an entity that is within the holding company system or a party that, directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the reporting entity. An affiliate includes a parent or subsidiary and may also include partnerships, joint ventures, and limited liability companies as defined in *SSAP No. 48—Joint Ventures, Partnerships and Limited Liability Companies*. Those entities are accounted for under the guidance provided in SSAP No. 48, which requires an equity method for all such investments. An affiliate is any person that is directly or indirectly, owned or controlled by the same person or by the same group of persons, that, directly or indirectly, own or control the reporting entity. Any invested asset held by a reporting entity which is issued by an affiliated entity, or which includes the obligations of an affiliated entity is an affiliated investment.

Proposed Annual Statement Reporting Changes*: (These will be captured in a blanks proposal.)*

This will be included in the Investment Schedules General Instructions in several places covering several different types of investment, and this revision is proposed to be included in each place under the header “Parent, Subsidiaries and Affiliates.”

Parent, Subsidiaries and Affiliates:

Defined by *SSAP No. 97—Investments in Subsidiary, Controlled and Affiliated Entities*. Any invested asset held by a reporting entity which is issued by an affiliated entity, or which includes the obligations of an affiliated entity is an affiliated investment.

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