



## Appendix 2 General pre-approved services

To ensure the Akzo Nobel Auditor's Independence Policy is followed, the Audit Committee has established **general** pre-approval procedures for audit and particular audit related and permitted non-audit services and **specific** pre-approval procedures for all other permitted services and/ or for proposed services exceeding the pre-approved cost level of EUR 500,000 and/ or with a contract term exceeding 12 months.

### 1. Audit services

- Issuing the audit opinion for Akzo Nobel's Group reporting purposes and on Akzo Nobel's consolidated financial statements. This service includes the review of internal accounting and financial reporting controls;
- Issuing the audit opinion on the statutory financial statements of the holding company and of its subsidiaries, where legally required;
- Issuing the audit opinion and attestations on the Annual Report on Form 20F and other SEC filings;
- Issuing review opinions on interim financial statements;

The Audit Committee approves audit services through the **annual audit engagement letter**, which is an umbrella agreement that forms the basis for local engagement contracts.

### 2. Particular audit related and permitted non-audit services for general pre-approval

Particular audit related and permitted non-audit services have been identified for a general pre-approval process. These services can be obtained from our external auditor without prior specific approval. The Audit Committee needs only to be informed on a timely basis, but at least twice per year by the Director of Internal Auditing Service.

The Audit Committee, in its meeting of 13 June 2007, has re-confirmed for general pre-approval procedures the following services for a period up to 12 June 2008 at a maximum. These particular services are historically provided by the external auditor, often are of a recurring nature and relate to the following categories:

#### **Audit related services** (see *Policy audit related services a) through d)*)

- Opinions/ audit reports on other information provided by the company upon a request from a third party (e.g. a prospectus, comfort letters, royalty audits, or a report on employee benefit plans)
- Opening balance sheet audits of acquisitions
- Closing balance sheet audits of disposals
- Advice on accounting policies

**Non-audit services** (see *Policy non-audit services a), b) and d)*)

- Tax compliance work
- Tax consulting services, including tax planning, but excluding
  - representation in (tax) courts;
  - services relating to tax transactions under conditions of confidentiality;
  - recommending aggressive tax position transactions;
  - tax services to certain persons serving in financial reporting oversight roles.
- E-Commerce advisory.