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Welcome to Mercer Capital's Financial Reporting Blog

Mercer Capital is pleased to introduce the *Financial Reporting Blog*, a weekly update on financial reporting topics curated by our Financial Reporting Valuation professionals. Providing meaningful information to investors in today's fair value era requires study, simulation and synthesis of market participant behavior. In this blog, we compile insights from the markets and perspectives on the evolving reporting landscape for the benefit of financial managers and industry leaders.

Here's a quick tour of the blog in seven easy steps:

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- 1** (Callout 2): **Audit Deficiencies Continue to Cause Headaches** (APRIL 25, 2014). A survey conducted by the International Forum of Independent Audit Regulators (IFIAR) found that many audits still have significant areas of deficiency, primarily relating to fair value measurement, internal controls testing, and disclosure adequacy.
- 2** (Callout 5): **Misleading Purchase Accounting Results in SEC Complaint and Fines for CVS** (APRIL 17, 2014). On April 8, 2014, the SEC charged CVS Caremark Corp. with misleading investors by failing to disclose certain financial setbacks and using improper purchase price allocation accounting that artificially boosted its financial performance.
- 3** (Callout 6): **Spotting Young Talent: Belgian Football and VC Investments** (APRIL 11, 2014). Towards the end of 2013, the Belgian football club FC Racing Boxberg awarded 20-month old Bryce Brites a contract. Disbelieving commentary around the signing coalesced around the notion that the evaluation of tender sports talent is completely subjective.

At the bottom, there is a **4** (Callout 7) **Early Purchase Price Allocation Estimates Help Avoid EPS Surprises** (APRIL 4, 2014). For public companies, it is increasingly necessary to disclose a preliminary allocation.

On the right side of the page, there is a **3** (Callout 4) **SUBSCRIBE** section with a sign-up form for email updates. Below that is a **6** (Callout 6) **CATEGORIES** section listing various topics like Bankruptcy and Restructuring Advisory, Equity-Based Compensation Valuation, Fair Value, Impairment Testing, Markets, Portfolio Valuation, Purchase Price Allocation, and Tax. At the bottom right is a **7** (Callout 7) **KEY CONTACTS** section listing Travis W. Harms, CFA, CPA/ABV.

Top Ten Posts from Mercer Capital's Financial Reporting Blog

Below are the 10 most popular posts from the *Financial Reporting Blog* to date. Subscribe to the blog to receive the latest weekly posts.

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Blog Categories

An easy way to find posts of interest is to search by category. Below is a listing of the categories currently available on the blog.

- [Bankruptcy and Restructuring Advisory](#)
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