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This Introduction Guide to the Sarbanes-Oxley Body of Knowledge (SOXBoK) is the world's most comprehensive, authoritative compendium on Sarbanes-Oxley (SOX). Produced by SOX Institute, the leading provider of Sarbanes-Oxley research, education, certification, advisory and membership services for GRC (Governance, Risk Management and Compliance) professionals, the SOXBoK has been created by practitioners for practitioners. It covers all titles and sections of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, and provides actionable advice for implementation using GASP (Generally Accepted SOX Principles). It is a must-have for anyone implementing SOX and similar regulations. It addresses the Finance, Accounting, Audit, IT, Ethics, Legal, Risk and other disciplines impacted by SOX. Includes the Act. Only one resource provides practical guidance to help ensure compliance with all Sarbanes-Oxley rules and regulations. Introducing the new Sarbanes-Oxley Act: Planning and Compliance - the first resource providing practical, step-by-step guidance to help you navigate the Sarbanes-Oxley maze and ensure compliance. Written by two well-respected authorities, this unique and invaluable compendium: Fully reflects the current body of SEC rules, regulations and interpretations, PCAOB rules and standards, and Sarbanes-Oxley related court decisions Covers a wide range of compliance-related issues and areas - from SEC disclosure rules and certification of financial documents, to the treatment of pension plans and loans to officers Includes regular updates to keep you current as the regulatory environment

continues to expand and evolve Provides exhaustive details on the compliance responsibilities of corporate CEOs, CFOs, directors, audit committees and attorneys Most importantly, Sarbanes-Oxley Act: Planning and Compliance provides a veritable "blueprint" for an effective corporate compliance program. For each area covered, you'll find a detailed summary of key subject matters to be addressed; step-by-step guidance on practical planning and implementation issues; recommended compliance procedures; and specific compliance actions to be taken by the company and its key officers. You'll also have access to best practices and policies designed to ensure good corporate governance, transparency and accurate financial reporting. Why settle for "information and explanation" when you can have step-by-step guidance and advice? This handy reference booklet contains the text of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, along with analysis and guidance from leading corporate and securities practitioners. The expert commentary provides: an overview of the Act's requirements; discussion on how the Act affects corporate officers and directors; and advice on how to implement the new certification requirements. Everything corporate employees must know to understand--and comply with--the Sarbanes-Oxley Act No law in recent memory has caused more confusion and apprehension in corporate America than the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (SOA). What Is Sarbanes-Oxley? is a concise, comprehensive overview of the act, filled with plain-English explanations of the vital details employees at every level must know and understand to help their firms achieve and maintain SOA compliance. Summarizing the text of the law for ease of understanding and reference, this vital addition to McGraw-Hill's What Is . . . ? series provides readers with: Guidelines for ensuring that a company's policies, procedures, systems, and controls are SOA compliant Management certification responsibilities and noncompliance penalties under hot-button Sections 302, 404, and 906 Techniques for modifying existing

control systems and programs to meet new SOA specifications Accountants continue to find it difficult to keep abreast of the flood of issuances by FASB and AICPA, as well as the numerous interpretations and bulletins issued to explain them. This highly regarded reference is relied on by a considerable part of the accounting profession in their day-to-day work. Accountants, auditors, bankers, lawyers, financial analysts, and other preparers and users of accounting information will turn to this resource again and again for reliable answers to questions on accounting and financial reporting. Essential guidance on the revised COSO internal controls framework Need the latest on the new, revised COSO internal controls framework? Executive's Guide to COSO Internal Controls provides a step-by-step plan for installing and implementing effective internal controls with an emphasis on building improved IT as well as other internal controls and integrating better risk management processes. The COSO internal controls framework forms the basis for establishing Sarbanes-Oxley compliance and internal controls specialist Robert Moeller looks at topics including the importance of effective systems on internal controls in today's enterprises, the new COSO framework for effective enterprise internal controls, and what has changed since the 1990s internal controls framework. Written by Robert Moeller, an authority in internal controls and IT governance Practical, no-nonsense coverage of all three dimensions of the new COSO framework Helps you change systems and processes when implementing the new COSO internal controls framework Includes information on how ISO internal control and risk management standards as well as COBIT can be used with COSO internal controls Other titles by Robert Moeller: IT Audit, Control, and Security, Executives Guide to IT Governance Under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, every corporation has to assert that their internal controls are adequate and public accounting firms certifying those internal controls are attesting to the adequacy of those same internal controls, based on the COSO

internal controls framework. Executive's Guide to COSO Internal Controls thoroughly considers improved risk management processes as part of the new COSO framework; the importance of IT systems and processes; and risk management techniques. Seminar paper from the year 2012 in the subject Business economics - Controlling, grade: 2,0, The FOM University of Applied Sciences, Hamburg, course: Master of Business Administration, language: English, abstract: At the beginning of this millenium several economic scandals like Enron or WorldCom shocked the US economy and the stock exchanges around the world. To restore the trust of the investors the US government enacted the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. This act increased the demands on the financial reporting of companies registered at the US Securities and Exchange Commission. This act possibly changed also the accounting measurement practices that are less conservative in the US than in other countries. This assignment analysis if the accounting measurement practices changed to a more conservative accounting after the enactment of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. This analysis is mainly based on section 404 of this act. Beyond that the assignment gives an overview about the Sarbanes-Oxley Act itself and the value of conservative accounting. In this article I explore the impact of the introduction of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (SOX) in 2002 and the Securities and Exchange Commission's implementation of the Act in 2006 on the options granting process. I show that after the introduction of the SOX and its implementation the practice of backdating options was substituted with the practice of "spring loading" options around analysts' price targets announcements. Considered the gold-standard reference on information security, the Information Security Management Handbook provides an authoritative compilation of the fundamental knowledge, skills, techniques, and tools required of today's IT security professional. Now in its sixth edition, this 3200 page, 4 volume stand-alone reference is organized under the C What is the importance of Sections 302

and 404? "Implementing" SOX using COSO and COBIT SOX's impact on foreign companies and nonprofits Achieving cost-effective sustainable compliance The evolving role of the SEC and the PCAOB Praise for ESSENTIALS OF SARBANES-OXLEY "Since its enactment in 2002, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and its Section 404 internal control requirements have caused many a great deal of 'pain and suffering!' With its emphasis on what Sanjay Anand frequently reminds us is the 'real world,' this book should reduce some of that pain as it provides a practical and very realistic approach for an effective implementation of Sarbanes-Oxley internal control processes. The book has references to the new changes in auditing standards and emphasizes achieving sustainable compliance-practical and realistic approaches."

—Robert R. Moeller, President, Compliance & Control Systems, Inc. "Sanjay Anand has provided what every busy executive needs, a concise overview of Sarbanes-Oxley Act essentials. His book is a terrific reference text that I recommend to anyone who needs to quickly understand the substance of the Act." —Scott Green, Chief Administration Officer Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP "If you are looking to put together the various pieces—finance, accounting, audit, legal, IT, ethics—and understand the 'big picture' of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, there is no other book like this. With 'Tips & Techniques' and 'In the Real World' examples, this book brings lively, practical, tangible, and compressible dimensions to a complex, multifaceted (and often dry) subject. This is essential reading for those new to the process and old hands going into their third and fourth years of SOX. It will also help those in other countries adopting SOX-like internal controls and regulations." —Dr. Anthony Tarantino, Governance, Risk, and Compliance Center of Excellence, IBM, Financial Services Sector, Silicon Valley and New York City Written by Sanjay Anand, one of the world's leading corporate governance, risk management, and regulatory compliance experts, this simple to use book is designed with appreciation for demanding professional

obligations, with information always easy to find and at your fingertips. Essentials of Sarbanes-Oxley equips you with the knowledge you and all your company members need to initiate a SOX project, allocate a budget, and help your company achieve compliance. Designed to lead financial managers from initial compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, through ongoing maintenance and monitoring, Beyond Sarbanes-Oxley Compliance helps readers seize this opportunity to revitalize their business practice, drive greater performance, and transform their finance organization into a key contributor to the business. Focusing on the present and future financial road ahead, Beyond Sarbanes-Oxley Compliance explores how to implement enterprise risk management processes that comply with Sarbanes-Oxley 302/404/409 requirements, ways to build on initial compliance activities that will improve financial management processes and profitability, compliance and quarterly close checklists, timelines, and table summaries to help readers achieve their goals, and much more. You may not believe that there's a fun and easy way to comply with Sarbanes -Oxley, but once you have Sarbanes-Oxley For Dummies, Second Edition in front of you, you're sure to change your mind. This friendly guide gets you quickly up to speed with the latest SOX legislation and shows you safe and effective ways to reduce compliance costs. In plain English, this completely reliable handbook walks you through the new and revised SOX laws, introduces compliance strategies for changed and unchanged guidelines, and gives you an effective framework for implementation You'll find out how to create an efficient audit committee, purchase and use SOX software solutions, and make practical, cost-effective decisions in your initial compliance year and beyond. You'll also find proven strategies for staying public or going private and learn how to deal with all those SOX forms. Discover how to: Establish SOX standards for IT professionals Minimize compliance costs in every area of your company Survive a section 404 audit Avoid litigation under SOX Anticipate future

rules and trends Create a post-SOX paper trail Bolster your company's standing and reputation Work with SOX in a small business Meet new SOX standards Build a board that can't be bought Comply with all SOX management mandates Complete with invaluable tips on how to form an effective audit committee, Sarbanes-Oxley For Dummies is the resource you need to keep your SOX clean. Written for directors of nonprofit organizations and practitioners, this guidebook provides a complete overview of the major reforms enacted or triggered by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, including governance reforms promulgated by the SEC and the Stock Exchanges. The examining team reviewed P1 Study Text covers all the relevant ACCA P1 syllabus topics. It explores the theories behind the key areas of corporate governance and ethics and demonstrates how these theories are put in to practice. Examiner highlighted points to focus on such as risks organisations face and how businesses are coping with wider social responsibilities are also discussed. Detailed examples throughout the text will help build your understanding and reinforce learning. What is Sarbanes-Oxley? provides you with a plain-English overview of the Act to help ensure that your firm achieves and maintains top-to-bottom Sarbanes-Oxley Act (SOA) compliance. Today's most competitive corporations--rather than view Sarbanes-Oxley as a painful and costly-to-implement headache--are using SOA as an opportunity to both revitalize their business practices and strengthen their competitive positions. Get the details of what your firm must understand to meet the requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act in McGraw-Hill's straightforward primer What is Sarbanes-Oxley? This book discusses a dilemma common to many corporation's IT departments--the tension between top-down governance directives and the challenge to get everything properly functioning on a bottom-up basis. Making IT governance work does not simply mean adherence to an ABC of (a) going more deeply into rules, (b) implementing a framework, and (c)



registering good results. Neither is this book a guide to frameworks and compliance. Its goal is to describe an entire repertoire of resources that can assist in arriving at better IT governance. Among these resources are CobiT, bottom-up governance principles such as distributed leadership constitute another, and portfolio management. This book provides a realistic governance of information and IT in corporations. The authors' view is that "new technology" can only achieve its optimum impact when it is properly managed. Money and behavior are key factors: the money that information and IT must generate and the activity and latitude of people in the organization from top to bottom. This book: Presents a clear view on the relationship of corporate governance and IT governance. Provides recent Sarbanes-Oxley history and the compliance consequences for organizations. Offers in-depth insight into IT portfolio management. Provides an overview of various IT governance opinions from such groups as Gartner, Forrester, and IT Governance Institute. Energetic, thoughtful and highly informative, this book provides a valuable and timely guide to IT governance and the complexities of IT management in an increasingly regulated world. The authors are great at focusing on the things that really matter for practitioners. The book is also very readable. Leslie P. Willcocks Professor of Technology, Work and Globalization London School of Economics "The Sabanes-Oxley Act has been one of the most significant developments in corporate and securities regulation since the New Deal. This collection of important articles would be a valuable resource for anyone seeking to understand Sabanes-Oxley's far-reaching effects on corporate governance in the United States and elsewhere." —Jesse Fried, coauthor of Pay Without Performance: The Unfulfilled Promise of Executive Compensation and Professor of Law at the University of California, Berkeley "The editors have assembled the latest cutting-edge research on international corporate governance by respected academics in this field. In this

handbook, the editors deal with all aspects of the significant legislative changes to corporate governance regulation. It introduces the reader to the new rules that will certainly improve the reliability and the accuracy of disclosures made by corporations. The book comes at the right moment with the recent scandals such as Enron, which will educate all readers especially shareholders of corporate stock." —Komlan Sedzro, Professor of Finance, University of Quebec at Montreal "Today, corporate governance is a topic at the center of public policy debate in most industrialized countries. The range of concerns; the variety of approaches; and their tendency to converge in some areas or diverge in others (not always in the right directions) are emphatically demonstrated by these essays. There is material here of enormous interest for scholars of comparative law and economic regulation. And significantly, the presentation of essays from legal, financial, and regulatory viewpoints demonstrates the growing practical as well as theoretical utility of interdisciplinary work in this area. Professors Ali and Gregoriou are to be warmly congratulated for their skill and initiative in assembling an important publication, as well as for their own contributions to interdisciplinary scholarship." —R. P. Austin, BA, LL.M (Sydney), DPhil (Oxon), Supreme Court of New South Wales "This very international collection emphasizes the economic line of descent, while including legal and socio-legal contributions. It fills a very important gap in our empirical knowledge of corporate governance. It is accessible and comprehensive and will greatly assist readers from all relevant disciplines, who are trying to discern the shape of corporate governance as a mature field." —Dimitry Kingsford Smith, Professor of Law, University of New South Wales Sarbanes-Oxley and the New Internal Auditing Rulesthoroughly and clearly explains the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, how it impacts auditors, and how internal auditing can help with its requirements, such as launching an ethics and whistleblower program or performing effective internal controls reviews

under the COSO framework. With ample coverage of emerging rules that have yet to be issued and other matters subject to change, this book outlines fundamental blueprints of the new rules, technological developments, and evolving trends that impact internal audit professionals. Order your copy today! A how-to guide to small business anti-fraud protection and internal control Internal Control/Anti-Fraud Program Design for the Small Business is a practical guide to protection for businesses NOT subject to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. Written by an expert with three decades of forensic investigation experience, this book is geared specifically toward private, non-public small businesses and their unique needs in the realm of fraud protection. Covering all elements of an internal control structure applicable to the small business community, this guide provides a step-by-step roadmap for designing and implementing an effective, efficient internal control structure/anti-fraud program tailored to your business's particular needs. Case studies are used throughout to illustrate internal control weaknesses and the fraud that can result, and follow-up analysis describes the controls that would have reduced the probability of fraud had they been in place. You'll learn how to analyze your company's internal control issues, and implement a robust system for fraud prevention. Guidance toward Sarbanes-Oxley compliance is readily available, but there is little information available for the many businesses not subject to the act —until now. This book is the step-by-step guide for instituting an internal control program tailored to your small business. Understand the five elements of internal control Avoid gaps in protection with relevant controls Design the ultimate anti-fraud program Implement internal control tailored to your needs The majority of small business owners simply do not know the elements of or implementation process involved in internal control, and Sarbanes-Oxley guidelines don't necessarily scale down. Internal Control/Anti-Fraud Program Design for the Small Business helps you design and install the internal

control/anti-fraud protection your business needs. This book provides an introduction to the key elements of the Sarbanes-Oxley (SOX) legislation which was introduced in the United States in 2002, to improve the governance, controls and financial reporting for companies. It includes a summary of the SOX legislation, an outline of the management certifications required under SOX, a guide to setting up and maintaining a SOX 404 annual compliance framework with advice on planning, testing and reporting. It also provides a guide to testing of IT general controls. This guide also provides handy practical tips to help organizations successfully comply with SOX legislation. This book will be useful to students who are studying accountancy, law, business studies and management. It will also be helpful to risk management personnel, auditors and senior managers tasked with ensuring companies maintain SOX compliance. It will also assist CPAs and external auditors who must carry out audits under the SOX legislation. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act (officially titled the Public Company Accounting Reform and Investor Protection Act of 2002), signed into law on 30 July 2002 by President Bush, is considered the most significant change to federal securities laws in the United States since the New Deal. It came in the wake of a series of corporate financial scandals, including those affecting Enron, Arthur Andersen, and WorldCom. The law is named after Senator Paul Sarbanes and Representative Michael G. Oxley. It was approved by the House by a vote of 423-3 and by the Senate 99-0. This book illustrates the many Open Source cost-saving opportunities that public companies can explore in their IT enterprise to meet mandatory compliance requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley act. This book will also demonstrate by example and technical reference both the infrastructure components for Open Source that can be made compliant, and the Open Source tools that can aid in the journey of compliance. Although many books and reference material have been authored on the financial and business side of Sox

compliance, very little material is available that directly address the information technology considerations, even less so on how Open Source fits into that discussion. The format of the book will begin each chapter with the IT business and executive considerations of Open Source and SOX compliance. The remaining chapter verbiage will include specific examinations of Open Source applications and tools which relate to the given subject matter. \* Only book that shows companies how to use Open Source tools to achieve SOX compliance, which dramatically lowers the cost of using proprietary, commercial applications. \* Only SOX compliance book specifically detailing steps to achieve SOX compliance for IT Professionals. An earlier edition of this enduring classic (which was originally published in 1952) is cited in Books for College Libraries, 3d ed. Of course it has evolved substantially to remain useful, and this seventh edition incorporates new material on the following topics: ethics-related decisions, GAAP pronouncements, cost accounting methodologies, throughput costing, composition and role of the audit committee, taxation strategy, business cycle forecasting, payroll and tax issues, management reporting formats, reporting to the Securities and Exchange Commission, acquisition due diligence checklists, and accounting manual preparation and maintenance. Purchasers of this volume should be alert for future supplements and updates from the publisher, because the field just won't stay still. Annotation ©2004 Book News, Inc., Portland, OR (booknews.com). "Accounts Payable and Sarbanes-Oxley cements Mary Schaeffer's reputation as the premier authority on accounts payable. She provides great detail on all aspects of the payables systems needed to comply with Sarbanes-Oxley. A must for every controller's bookshelf!" —Steven Bragg, Premier Data Services "Mary Schaeffer has done it again! America's most accomplished accounts payable expert has written another authoritative and comprehensive work. This time she takes aim at internal controls and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act as they impact the payables function.

Whether or not you are required to comply with the Act, this book will help you meet the challenges facing professionals who demand effective and efficient controls both now and in the future. This book is an enormous resource and blueprint for any financial professional." —Bob Lovallo, President, Pinpoint Profit Recovery Services, Inc. "There are many guides to complying with Sarbanes-Oxley yet this text is the first I have seen that provides accounts payable departments with a game plan, both from a mile-high and an in-the-trenches viewpoint. Even if you are not concerned with SOX, this guide provides the foundational control framework and best practices for any accounts payable department." —Richard B. Lanza, CPA/CITP, CFE, PMP, President, Cash Recovery Partners L.L.C "Mary Schaeffer's book provides clearly written guidance on the causes, consequences, and best practices for accounts payables internal controls. Every accounting, auditing, and information technology professional who deals with accounts payable will find some useful suggestions in this book." —Dr. Will Yancey, CPA, independent consultant "If you only read one book on the duties and responsibilities of the accounts payable representative-make it this one. Ms. Schaeffer is absolutely brilliant at explaining the impact the Sarbanes-Oxley Act will have on the organization and its accounts payable procedures. Whether you are a seasoned accounts payable representative or just new to the position, this book will help you to become firmly grounded in your ability to perform your role in the accounts payable department." —Jerry W. Michael, President, IRSCompliance.org The accounts payable blueprint to becoming Sarbanes-Oxley compliant The Sarbanes-Oxley Act provides a rigorous discipline that can be used by all organizations, regardless of whether they are publicly traded or not. Strong internal controls and segregation of duties should become a standard way of thinking rather than something required by law. Accounts Payable and Sarbanes-Oxley provides a comprehensive overview of the Act and lays out the necessary

guidelines that affect accounts payable to ensure compliance in the accounts payable department. Praise for Sarbanes-Oxley Guide for Finance and Information Technology Professionals "Effective SOX programs enlist the entire organization to build and monitor a compliant control environment. However, even the best SOX programs are inefficient at best, ineffective at worst, if there is a lack of informed, competent finance and IT personnel to support the effort. This book provides these important professionals a needed resource for and road map towards successfully implementing their SOX initiative." —Scott Green Chief Administrative Officer, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP and author, Sarbanes-Oxley and the Board of Directors "As a former CFO and CIO, I found this book to be an excellent synopsis of SOX, with impressive implementation summaries and checklists." —Michael P. Cangemi CISA, Editor in Chief, Information Systems Control Journal and author, Managing the Audit Function "An excellent introduction to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act from the perspective of the financial and IT professionals that are on the front lines of establishing compliance in their organizations. The author walks through many areas by asking 'what can go wrong' types of questions, and then outlines actions that should be taken as well as the consequences of noncompliance. This is a good book to add to one's professional library!" —Robert R. Moeller Author, Sarbanes-Oxley and the New Internal Auditing Rules "Mr. Anand has compiled a solid overview of the control systems needed for not only accounting systems, but also the information technologies that support those systems. Among the Sarbanes books on the market, his coverage of both topics is unique." —Steven M. Bragg Author, Accounting Best Practices "An excellent overview of the compliance process. A must-read for anyone who needs to get up to speed quickly with Sarbanes-Oxley." —Jack Martin Publisher, Sarbanes-Oxley Compliance Journal While the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) has provided standards and guidelines for the practice of internal

audit through the International Professional Practice Framework (IPPF), internal auditors and Chief Audit Executives (CAEs) continue to experience difficulties when attempting to balance the requirements of the IPPF with management expectations. Compliance requirements are here to stay. Prepare your company for the growing challenge. A Wall Street Journal/Harris poll revealed that two thirds of investors express doubts in the ability of corporate boards of directors to provide effective oversight. In the shadow of recent global scandals involving businesses such as Parmalat and WorldCom, *Manager's Guide to Compliance: Best Practices and Case Studies* is essential reading for you, whether your organization is a major corporation or a small business. This timely handbook places U.S. and global regulatory information, as well as critical compliance guidance, in an easy-to-access format and helps you make sense of all the complex issues connected with fraud and compliance. "Wide perspectives and best practices combined deliver a punch that will knock your 'SOX' off! The author has blended together a critical mix necessary for effectively handling the requirements of SOX." —Rob Nance, Publisher, AccountingWEB, Inc. "Robust compliance and corporate governance is an absolute necessity in today's business environment. This new book by Anthony Tarantino is an authoritative guide to understanding and implementing compliance and regulatory requirements in the United States and around the world. From SOX to COSO to ERM, this book covers them all." —Martin T. Biegelman, Certified Fraud Examiner, Fellow and Regent Emeritus of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, and coauthor of *Executive Roadmap to Fraud Prevention and Internal Control: Creating a Culture of Compliance* "If compliance wasn't difficult enough, now companies are faced with a barrage of technology vendors claiming to automate compliance as if it were a project. In his new book, Dr. Tarantino paints the reality of the situation: companies need to embrace the broader tenets of governance and



use technology to embed governance policies and controls into their daily business processes. Only then can they gain business value from their compliance investments." —Chris Capdevila, CEO and cofounder, LogicalApps Research Paper

(undergraduate) from the year 2007 in the subject Business economics - Law, grade: 1,3, IPAG Ecole Supérieure de Commerce Nice, course: Financial Management, 7 entries in the bibliography, language: English, abstract: This paper provides a brief but complete introduction of the Sarbanes- Oxley Act (SOX). After providing the aims that were pursued by the United States legislation by introducing this act, the paper gives an overview of the provisions of the Sarbanes- Oxley Act. This overview deals with every single provision and describes the inherent measures. Ultimately the last section of this paper delivers an overview of the criticism raised by different scholars and experts concerning the Sarbanes- Oxley Act. Seminar paper from the year 2011 in the subject Business economics - Business Ethics, Corporate Ethics, grade: Distinction, University of Lincoln, language: English, abstract: In recent years, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and Corporate Governance has been widely explored with a number of reports and codes of practice aimed at decreasing instances of what are seen as grossly unethical ways of managing major organizations. Quite apart from the strictures of moral theory, there is considerable danger to the reputation of quoted companies if shareholders feel that they do not believe the information presented to them by company directors and senior executives. Any general lack of confidence in the financial probity of companies could be very damaging to the economic system as a whole. If entrepreneurs and senior managers want unjustified large salary instead of paying attention to the wishes of shareholders, then conflict happened (Harrison, 2005). Thus, the developments of the Corporate Governance Codes like Cadbury Report, OECD principles, Sarbanes-Oxley Act etc have been driven by financial scandal, corporate collapse, or similar crisis.

CSR has developed the idea of corporate governance in order to encourage management to take broader ethical considerations into their account. The introduction of corporate governance codes has been motivated by a desire for more transparency and accountability, and a desire to increase investor's confidence in the stock market as a whole (Mallin, 2007). This essay presents a critical discussion of the OECD Principles and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act for corporate governance within the context of high profile businesses. Later, it will present the significant differences in focus and intend between OECD and Sarbanes-Oxley. Moreover, it will critically discuss the convergence of Corporate Governance and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). Diploma Thesis from the year 2005 in the subject Business economics - Accounting and Taxes, grade: Sehr Gut (Grade: A), Vienna University of Economics and Business (Management Accounting and Auditing), 117 entries in the bibliography, language: English, abstract: The present thesis examines the impact of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (SOA) on European companies and identifies their attitude towards its provisions. To raise the information needed, from May until the end of June 2005 all affected European companies (290) received access to the online questionnaire. Overall nearly twenty percent responded to the questionnaire. The following key findings have been identified:

- The smaller a company is, the more problems it has to comply with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.
- The degree of the top management's involvement in the compliance process plays a crucial role.
- Almost every company has a formal code of ethics in place, but their senior management does not communicate it enough to their employees.
- Almost every company has a whistleblower hotline in place to let all employees raise ethics and compliance issues and many of them also indicate that it allows an anonymous, confidential reporting and follow-up on raised issues. Only 30 percent of the hotlines were managed by an outside third party.
- Most of the companies believe that the compliance costs have exceeded the benefits in

2004, but a positive trend - after the first compliance - towards the benefits can be identified. All in all, the thesis provides a representative overview on the SOA compliance situation of European companies. Introduction to Business covers the scope and sequence of most introductory business courses. The book provides detailed explanations in the context of core themes such as customer satisfaction, ethics, entrepreneurship, global business, and managing change. Introduction to Business includes hundreds of current business examples from a range of industries and geographic locations, which feature a variety of individuals. The outcome is a balanced approach to the theory and application of business concepts, with attention to the knowledge and skills necessary for student success in this course and beyond. Sarbanes-Oxley Internal Controls: Effective Auditing with AS5, CobiT, and ITIL is essential reading for professionals facing the obstacle of improving internal controls in their businesses. This timely resource provides at-your-fingertips critical compliance and internal audit best practices for today's world of SOx internal controls. Detailed and practical, this introductory handbook will help you to revitalize your business and drive greater performance. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act is a mandatory requirement for all corporations listed in the US. Compliance is not an option. This book is written as a working manual for the senior management to grasp the Act and its implications. It provides a section by section overview of the Act and the appropriate action to take in each case. The CDROM included in the book provides Certification templates, a What to do and Check List and a description of the COSO Framework the most popular Internal Control System framework. There is coverage of how UK companies listed in, or doing business with America also have. A complete guide to leveraging the power of Sarbanes-Oxley--specifically for nonprofits The first book to discuss the implications of Sarbanes-Oxley legislation as it relates to nonprofit organizations, Sarbanes-Oxley for Nonprofits is an

essential guide for all nonprofit executives and boards who want to know how the new legislation can enhance their organization's mission. By establishing a "platinum standard" of operations and governance within nonprofit organizations, executives and board members will be better equipped to attract high-quality staff and board members, as well as the attention of donors and other potential funding sources. Sarbanes-Oxley for Nonprofits presents the best practices that have emerged from the Public Company Accounting Reform and Investor Protection Act (Sarbanes-Oxley) in a manner that explains their source and value to the nonprofit organization. Written for both small and large nonprofits, Sarbanes-Oxley for Nonprofits includes:

- \* Practices intended to establish a "platinum standard" of operations and governance within the nonprofit
- \* Coverage of audits, financial statements, board activities and decision making, how to teach board members to read and interpret financial statements, conflicts of interest, whistle-blower protection, and how to leverage these standards to gain a competitive advantage
- \* Sarbanes-Oxley best practices and the organizational culture
- \* Sample documents, forms, and checklists to introduce these best practices into any nonprofit organization
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