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IFRS Accounting Developments and Information: March 2012

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International headlines

IFRS Foundation Trustees appoint IASB member

The Trustees of the IFRS Foundation announced the appointment of Chungwoo Suh as a member of the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) for an initial five-year term from 1 July 2012. The term is renewable for a further three years. Dr. Suh currently serves as an advisor to the Korea Accounting Standards Board (KASB) and is a Professor of Accounting at Kookmin University, Seoul. He served as Chairman of the KASB between 2008 and 2011. Click [here](#) for the IASB press release. Click [here](#) for the full list of IASB members.

IASB amends IFRS 1 for government loans at below-market rates of interest

The IASB issued *Government Loans* (Amendments to IFRS 1), which addresses how a first-time adopter of IFRSs would account for a government loan with a below-market rate of interest at the date of transition. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2013, with early application permitted. Click [here](#) for the IASB press release. Click [here](#) for Deloitte's IFRS in Focus newsletter summarising the amendments.

IASB publishes updated work plan

The IASB published an updated work plan incorporating the impact of recently issued pronouncements and outlining a revised timeline for its projects. Projects affected by the revisions include general hedge accounting, macro hedge accounting, leases, the agenda consultation and annual improvements (2010-2012 cycle). More detail was also provided on the next project milestone for the post-implementation reviews of IFRS 8 *Operating Segments* and IFRS 3 *Business Combinations*. Click [here](#) for the updated IASB work plan.

IASB Chair discusses the IASB's future agenda and strategy

In a recent address to the Consejo Mexicano de Normas de Información Financiera (CINIF) in Mexico City, IASB Chairman Hans Hoogervorst discussed the IASB's agenda consultation and the IFRS Foundation Trustees' strategy review. Mr. Hoogervorst noted that the IASB's future work programme would focus on fixing only what needs to be fixed, including:

- completing revisions to the conceptual framework;
- ensuring disclosure requirements are appropriate;
- deciding what to do with other comprehensive income; and
- considering work on less ambitious projects, such as agriculture, business combinations under common control, hyperinflation and rate-regulated industries.

Reflecting upon the conclusions in the Trustees' strategy review, Mr. Hoogervorst outlined the need to formalise the IASB's relationship with standard-setters, regulators and the accounting profession. Click [here](#) for Mr. Hoogervorst's speech transcript and [here](#) for Robert Bruce's column on Hans Hoogervorst's speech.

For more useful information please see the following websites:

www.iasplus.com

www.deloitte.com

FASB Chair discusses the FASB's priorities for 2012

In a recent webcast, US Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Chairman Leslie F. Seidman discussed the FASB's priorities for 2012. Ms. Seidman outlined the progress and future timelines of the four priority convergence projects with the IASB (revenue recognition, leases, financial instruments and insurance contracts). Ms. Seidman also noted that the FASB and IASB are still working to "finalise these projects as quickly as possible, but without sacrificing quality". Click [here](#) to access an archive of the webcast.

IFRS Foundation Education Initiative develops training module on IFRS for SMEs

The IFRS Foundation Education Initiative developed a training module for Section 22 of the *IFRS for SMEs* (International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities) *Liabilities and Equity*. The *IFRS for SMEs* training material will ultimately include 35 stand-alone modules – one for each section of the *IFRS for SMEs*. Currently, 28 modules are available. Click [here](#) to access the press release relating to development of the Section 22 training module and [here](#) to access all available training modules.

IASB issues *Investor Perspectives*' newsletter

The IASB launched a programme to enhance investor participation in the development of IFRSs through a dedicated investor outreach programme. One such enhancement is a newsletter for investors entitled *Investor Perspectives*. A newsletter was issued during March 2012 focusing on improving disclosures of interests in other entities through the issuance of IFRS 12 *Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities*. Click [here](#) for the *Investor Perspectives* newsletter.

IFRS Foundation publishes IFRS Taxonomy 2012

The IFRS Foundation published the IFRS Taxonomy 2012. The IFRS Taxonomy is a translation of IFRSs into XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language). The 2012 taxonomy is consistent with IFRSs as issued by the IASB at 1 January 2012, and it contains XBRL tags for all IFRS disclosure requirements. Click [here](#) to access the IFRS Taxonomy files and accompanying materials.

GRI releases XBRL taxonomy for sustainability reporting

The Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) released a new XBRL taxonomy for tagging sustainability data in reports. The new taxonomy will allow companies reporting under the GRI's Sustainability Reporting Guidelines to tag their sustainability reporting information in a manner similar to that of financial information tagging under the IFRS Taxonomy. Click [here](#) for the GRI press release.

IFAC reiterates its call for global adoption of IPSAS by governments

The latest Policy Position Paper from the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC), *Public Sector Financial Management Transparency and Accountability: The Use of International Public Sector Accounting Standards*, renewed its call for governments to apply accrual accounting principles in light of ongoing sovereign debt issues, and in particular, to adopt International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSASs). It also set out IFAC's view that governments around the world must provide clear and comprehensive information regarding the financial consequences of economic, political and social decisions, in order to protect the public as well as investors in government bonds, which can only be provided through a high-quality, robust and effective accrual-based financial reporting system. Click [here](#) to access the IFAC press release.

Monitoring Group and PIOB consult on governance of IFAC activities

The Monitoring Group (MG) and the Public Interest Oversight Board (PIOB) released consultation papers on the governance of various organisations operating under the auspices of the IFAC. The aim of the MG paper is to request views from stakeholders and the public at large on the governance of those institutions involved in the activity of issuing international standards for accountants in the fields of auditing and assurance, ethics and education, with the final goal of improving audit quality. The PIOB consultation paper seeks views on the review of its mission and medium and long-term strategy and discusses the development of a new oversight methodology. Comments on the consultation papers are due by 28 June 2012. Click [here](#) for the press release.

ESMA chairman discusses objectives for organisation

In a recent speech at the European Private Equity and Venture Capital Association Investors' Forum, Steven Maijoor, Chairman of the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA), discussed two key objectives for the ESMA: developing a "single rule book for the regulation of financial markets in the European Union" and establishing a "consistent supervisory framework for financial markets in Europe". However, Mr. Maijoor stressed the importance of appropriate resources and funding to achieve these objectives. Click [here](#) for Mr. Maijoor's speech transcript.

Joint press release on IASB-EFRAG Meeting

The IASB and European Financial Reporting Advisory Group (EFRAG) issued a press release on their joint meeting held on 9 March 2012 to discuss the status of ongoing projects and other topics. The topics discussed included IASB projects on revenue recognition, leases, financial instruments and insurance contracts, ESMA's consultation paper *Considerations of materiality in financial reporting*, EFRAG's forthcoming discussion paper on the Disclosure Framework and the potential for coordination on release projects, the due process for the IASB's forthcoming post-implementation reviews and how user outreach can be coordinated. Click [here](#) for the IASB and EFRAG joint press release. Click [here](#) for a summary of the key messages expressed by the EFRAG delegation.

EFRAG issues updated 'endorsement status report'

The EFRAG updated its report showing the status of endorsement, under the EU Accounting Regulation, of each IFRS. 15 IASB pronouncements await endorsement action. Click [here](#) to access the endorsement status report.

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IAS Plus

Redesigned IAS Plus is launched

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited (DTTL) officially launched its completely redesigned IAS Plus web site. IAS Plus is the most comprehensive source of up-to-date IFRS-related news and content available to the public on the internet. The site's new design provides quick and easy access to the wealth of information available. Additionally, with the new *My IAS Plus* menu, users can now personalise the site by selecting from hundreds of topics of interest and viewing news and publications specific to these areas. Click [here](#) to access the site which continues to be free of charge for all users.

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Deloitte IFRS communications and publications

Issuance Date	Description
29 March 2012	Second Global IFRS Banking Survey – Q1 2012 – A changing landscape: This survey highlights the views of 56 major banking groups on accounting change. It focuses on the implementation challenges of IFRS 9 <i>Financial Instruments</i> , including both the impairment proposals and classification and measurement, as well as the challenges of implementing IFRS 10 <i>Consolidated Financial Statements</i> , IFRS 12 <i>Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities</i> and IFRS 13 <i>Fair Value Measurement</i> .
16 March 2012	IFRS public policy briefing: The latest edition of Deloitte's IFRS public policy briefing summarises public policy developments including discussion of IFRS Foundation appointments, IFRS Foundation governance and strategy reviews and other public policy debates taking place worldwide.
15 March 2012	IFRS in Focus: IASB amends IFRS 1 for government loans at below-market rates of interest.
13 March 2012	Deloitte Point of View – 'Deloitte responds to revenue proposals': The latest edition of Deloitte's Point of View document provides Deloitte's perspectives on the revised exposure draft 2011/6 <i>Revenue from Contracts with Customers</i> .
6 March 2012	Global Insurance Webcast – 'Accounting for short term contracts makes substantial progress': Deloitte's most recent global insurance webcast provides an update of progress and key developments on the insurance project following the joint IASB and FASB February 2012 meeting. Click here to access the slides accompanying the webcast.
5 March 2012	Insurance Accounting Newsletter – 'Old disagreements and new delays make convergence uncertain': The latest edition of Deloitte's Insurance Accounting Newsletter provides an update of progress and key developments on the insurance project following the joint IASB and FASB February 2012 meeting. Core issues discussed included the unit of account and consideration of risk diversification, discounting of claims liability, onerous contracts and issues relating to participating contracts.

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Comment letters

	Description	Receiving party	Comment deadline
Comment letters issued	ED/2011/6, <i>Revenue from Contracts with Customers</i>	IASB	13 March 2012
	ED/2011/7, <i>Transition Guidance (Proposed amendments to IFRS 10)</i>	IASB	21 March 2012
	Consultation Paper, <i>Considerations of materiality in financial reporting</i>	ESMA	30 March 2012
Comment letters pending	Discussion Paper, <i>Accounting for business combinations under common control</i>	EFRAG and the Organismo Italiano di Contabilità	30 April 2012
	IFRS Interpretations Committee tentative agenda decisions: <i>IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements</i> and <i>IAS 12 Income Taxes</i> – Presentation of payments of non-income taxes	IFRS Interpretations Committee	22 May 2012
	<i>IAS 12 Income Taxes</i> – Accounting for market value uplifts introduced by a new tax regime		
	Discussion Paper, <i>Improving the Financial Reporting of Income Tax</i>	EFRAG and the UK Accounting Standards Board	29 June 2012

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