Financial Accounting Standards in Taiwan

Project Plan Concerning the Convergence with IFRSs

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I. Introduction

The Financial Accounting Standards Committee (FASC) of the Accounting Research and Development Foundation in Taiwan has made much effort to converge with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) since 1999. Although most of the IFRSs have been incorporated into Taiwanese standards, there are still some important standards needed to be issued and revised in the near future in order to fully converge with IFRSs.

II. Goal

The FASC in Taiwan should work towards the convergence with IFRSs actively to enable financial reporting to comply with high quality, understandable and enforceable global accounting standards.

The FASC in Taiwan will direct its efforts primarily to participating in the movement toward the global convergence of accounting standards.

To achieve convergence, the FASC will:

- adopt newly developed IFRSs.
- amend or replace individual Taiwanese Standards to corresponding IFRSs. In October 2002, the FASB and the IASB signed the Norwalk agreement, in which they agreed to work together to eliminate differences between US. GAAP and IFRSs. The FASC will follow the development of the joint projects of the two Boards closely, and continue to adopt all converged standards as consensus has been reached by the FASB and the IASB.

III. Project plan

The FASC in Taiwan believes that convergence towards compatible high quality accounting standards is a continuous process. The following timetable shows the most current project updates:

Standards	Research	Discussion	Final
	Report	Paper	Document
Share-based Payment			2007 1
Insurance Contracts		2007	2008
Operating Segments	2007	2008	2009
Exploration for and			
Evaluation of Mineral	2008	2008	2009
Resources			
Investment Property	2007	2009	2010
Agriculture	2008	2009	2010

Notes:

1. The standard of share-based payment has been issued on August 23, 2007.