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Sue Lloyd
Chair
IFRS Interpretations Committee
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Dear Ms Lloyd

Tentative agenda decision – IAS 33 *Earnings per Share*: Tax arising from payments on participating equity instruments

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited is pleased to respond to the IFRS Interpretations Committee's publication in the March IFRIC Update of the tentative agenda decision not to take onto the Committee's agenda the request for clarification on the calculation of basic earnings per share when tax deductions are received in relation to dividends paid on instruments classified as equity.

We agree with the IFRS Interpretations Committee's decision not to add this item onto its agenda for the reasons set out in the tentative agenda decision and welcome the proposal to provide an illustrative example applying the Committee's conclusions. We recommend that this example cover the calculation of basic earnings per share for both a period in which profits are generated and a later period in which a dividend is paid to participating equity holders (resulting in a tax deduction).

If you have any questions concerning our comments, please contact Veronica Poole in London at +44 (0) 20 7007 0884.

Yours sincerely



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