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## IASC Foundation and IASB launch new Website

The International Accounting Standards Committee (IASC) Foundation and the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) have launched their new Website, which can be accessed at www.iasb.org. The Website has been designed to help stakeholders follow the development of those items that are on the IASB's work programme and make it easier for users of financial reports to participate in the development of international financial reporting standards.

In its efforts to make meetings accessible to interested parties located throughout the world, the IASB continues to develop its Webcasting service. Interested parties can now watch the meetings live or listen after the event to any particular project discussion. In addition to these media solutions, each project channel includes meeting summaries and observer notes for each month's discussions. All of these additional services are available at no cost and have been developed to make the international accounting standard-setting process more open.

Other developments include:

- A new home page identifying important developments, forthcoming meetings and access to products and services
- · Online observer registration for meetings
- · Online submission of comment letters
- A dedicated news section with a press release archive and news search
- An 'open to comment' section alerting interested parties to recently published discussion papers, exposure drafts and IFRIC drafts
- Comprehensive project pages that include audio playbacks, narrative summaries and observer notes plus discussion papers, exposure drafts and comment letters
- An RSS feed
- · Powerful search functions.

Over the coming month we will also be introducing

- A powerful new search function for comment letters
- An email news service.

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## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

About the IASB

1 The International Accounting Standards Board (IASB), based in London, began operations in 2001. Contributions collected by its Trustees, the IASC Foundation, from the major accounting firms, private financial institutions and industrial companies throughout the world, central and development banks, and other international and professional organisations fund the operations of the IASB. The 14 Board members (12 of whom are full-time) are drawn from nine countries and have wide international experience and a variety of functional backgrounds.

2 The IASB is committed to developing, in the public interest, a single set of high quality, global accounting standards that require transparent and comparable