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# Press Release

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## **IASB proposes amendments to simplify and achieve convergence in the calculation of EPS**

The International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) today published for public comment proposals to simplify the calculation of earnings per share (EPS) and to eliminate differences between the methods required by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) and US accounting standards to calculate EPS. The proposals are part of the short-term convergence project that the IASB is conducting jointly with the US Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB). Consequently the FASB has also published today an exposure draft to amend SFAS 128 *Earnings per Share*.

In particular, the proposals aim to achieve convergence by:

- providing a clear principle to determine which shares and other instruments should be included in the EPS calculation;
- clarifying the EPS calculation for particular instruments, such as contracts to sell or repurchase an entity's own shares and participating instruments; and
- simplifying the EPS calculation for instruments that are accounted for at fair value through profit or loss.

The IASB believes that the proposals would, if implemented, simplify the calculation of EPS and increase transparency for users of financial statements.

The IASB invites comments on the exposure draft *Simplifying Earnings per Share* (proposed amendments to IAS 33) by 5 December 2008. The exposure draft is available on the 'Open for Comment' section on [www.iasb.org](http://www.iasb.org) from today.

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The FASB's exposure draft is available on the 'Exposure Documents' section on [www.fasb.org](http://www.fasb.org).

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***About the IASB***

The IASB was established in 2001 and is the standard-setting body of the International Accounting Standards Committee (IASC) Foundation, an independent private sector, not-for-profit organisation. The IASB is committed to developing, in the public interest, a single set of high quality, global accounting standards that provide high quality transparent and comparable information in general purpose financial statements. In pursuit of this objective the IASB conducts extensive public consultations and seeks the co-operation of international and national bodies around the world. Its 14 members (12 of whom are full-time) are drawn from nine countries and have a variety of professional backgrounds. They are appointed by and accountable to the Trustees of the IASC Foundation, who are required to select the best available combination of technical expertise and diversity of international business and market experience.