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IASB staff position on SEC-FASB clarification on fair value accounting

The International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) notes the recent clarification made by the Office of the Chief Accountant of the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the staff of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB). The clarification is not an amendment of FAS 157 *Fair Value Measurements*, but rather provides additional guidance for determining fair value in inactive markets.

The IASB staff has reviewed the clarification by the SEC staff and the FASB staff and considers it consistent with IAS 39 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*. (See <http://www.sec.gov/news/press/2008/2008-234.htm> for the clarification made by the Office of the Chief Accountant of the US SEC and the FASB staff.)

Commenting on the SEC-FASB clarification, Sir David Tweedie, Chairman of the IASB said:

The IASB is committed to doing its part in responding to the credit crisis and recognises the need to provide additional and needed guidance on determining the fair value of financial instruments in illiquid markets. The SEC-FASB staff clarification on fair value accounting is a useful contribution, and our staff believes that it is consistent with IFRSs.

We will continue to ensure that any IFRS guidance on fair value measurement is consistent with the clarification that has been provided by the US SEC staff and the FASB staff.

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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.