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IASC ISSUES THREE REVISED STANDARDS

The International Accounting Standards Committee (IASC) today published limited revisions to three International Accounting Standards; IAS 12, Income Taxes, IAS 19, Employee Benefits and IAS 39, Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement. The revisions to IAS 39 are accompanied by consequential changes to IAS 27, Consolidated Financial Statements and Accounting for Investments in Subsidiaries, IAS 28, Accounting for Investments in Associates, IAS 31, Financial Reporting of Interests in Joint Ventures, and IAS 32, Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation. The revisions are set out in a combined publication that will be mailed to IASC subscribers automatically this week. Additional copies can be ordered from IASC.

The revisions address the income tax consequences of dividends, pension plan assets, and technical application issues on financial instruments. The large majority of respondents supported the proposed revisions, which were set out in Exposure Drafts E66, E67 and E68.

James Saloman, IASC Technical Director, explained the only substantive change to the proposals made in the three Exposure Drafts: “The revised definition of plan assets in IAS 19 is broadly similar to the definition proposed in E67. However, in response to comments received on E67, the Board extended the scope of the definition to include certain insurance policies (now described in IAS 19 as qualifying insurance policies) that satisfy the same conditions as other plan assets. These insurance policies have similar economic effects to funds whose assets qualify as plan assets under the definition proposed in E67.”

The limited revisions to the three Standards and other related Standards become operative for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after 1 January 2001. Earlier application is encouraged.

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Copies of *Revisions to International Accounting Standards IAS 12, Income Taxes, IAS 19, Employee Benefits, and IAS 39, Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement and other related Standards*, (ISBN 0 905625 92 7), may be obtained directly from IASC's Publications Department, 166 Fleet Street, London EC4A 2DY, United Kingdom, Telephone: +44 (020) 7427-5927, Fax: +44 (020) 7353-0562, E-mail: publications@iasc.org.uk Internet Web Site: <http://www.iasc.org.uk> at a price of £15 each (US \$25), including postage.

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