

## **ADMISSION BOARD COMMUNIQUÉ NO. 9/2008 OF 9 OCTOBER 2008**

### ***Areas of focus for the review of 2008 financial statements***

### ***Update of Admission Board Circular No. 6 concerning International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)***

#### **I. 2008 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

In its review of the 2008 annual financial statements, SIX Swiss Exchange intends to focus in particular on compliance with the following IFRS provisions (for users of other accepted accounting standards, the list of points applies accordingly):

##### **1. Measurement and disclosure of financial instruments (IAS 39 / IFRS 7)**

Proper determination of the fair value of financial instruments (valuation hierarchy as per IAS 39p48 ff. and IAS 39AG69-82), especially with regard to no active markets (IAS 39AG74 ff.). Transparent disclosure of the assumptions used in determining fair value for each class of financial assets and liabilities (IFRS 7p27(a)). Meaningful sensitivity analyses of the relevant market risks (IFRS 7p40).

##### **2. Impairment of assets (IAS 36)**

Proper performance of the impairment test for goodwill and other intangible assets with indefinite useful life, as well as in the case of indications that other assets may be impaired. In particular, SIX Swiss Exchange will critically scrutinise the model assumptions for their plausibility ("realistic scenario"). Compliance with the disclosure requirements, particularly in terms of the completeness of the corresponding information in the notes regarding the impairment test of goodwill as per IAS 36p134 ff. (measurement basis, period of projection, discount rate, assumed growth rate beyond the projected period, as well as sensitivity analyses per cash-generating unit).

##### **3. Assets and obligations relating to employee benefit plans (IAS 19)**

Completeness of the disclosures pertaining to defined benefit plans. Proper treatment and disclosure of insured benefits under IAS 19p39. Recognition of actuarial gains and losses in compliance with the special requirements associated with electing to recognise them in equity as per IAS 19p93A (see also Admission Board Communiqué No. 7/2008 [http://www.six-swiss-exchange.com/download/admission/regulation/notices/2008/notice\\_200807\\_en.pdf](http://www.six-swiss-exchange.com/download/admission/regulation/notices/2008/notice_200807_en.pdf)). Proper recognition of an economic benefit from a reduction in future contributions as per IFRIC 14.

##### **4. Non-current assets held for sale and discontinued operations (IFRS 5)**

Documentation of the requirements that allow a non-current asset to be classified as "held for sale". Transparent disclosure of the information necessary for investors to evaluate the financial effects of discontinued operations and the disposals of non-current assets or disposal groups (IFRS 5p30-42).

