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IFRS Accounting Developments and Information: July 2011

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International headlines

IASB announces mandatory application of IFRS 9 deferred

The International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) tentatively decided to postpone the mandatory application of IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments* until annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015 (from 1 January 2013). The IASB will soon issue an exposure draft on this deferral which will have a comment period of at least 60 days. Click [here](#) for the *IASB Update* publication.

IASB and FASB announce re-exposure of lease accounting proposals

The IASB and US Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) announced their intention to re-expose the revised proposals arising from their joint project on lease accounting. The Boards noted that even though they have not completed all of their deliberations, the decisions taken to date were sufficiently different from those published in the exposure draft in August 2010 to warrant re-exposure of the revised proposals. The Boards intend to complete their deliberations, including consideration of the comment period, during the third quarter of 2011 and to publish a revised exposure draft during the fourth quarter of 2011. Click [here](#) for the IASB press release.

IASB issues consultation document on future work programme

The IASB issued a consultation document seeking public input on the strategic direction, overall balance and future work programme of the IASB. The IASB requests comments on the consultation document by 30 November 2011. Click [here](#) for the agenda consultation document.

IASB updates work plan to reflect recent decisions

The IASB published an updated work plan for its projects. With the recent decisions to re-expose the leases and revenue recognition proposals and developments in a number of other projects, the timetable for completion of many projects has been extended. Click [here](#) for access to the updated work plan.

IASB releases 'Effect Analysis' on joint arrangements

The IASB published a report presenting an analysis of the effects of IFRS 11 *Joint Arrangements* and related disclosures included in IFRS 12 *Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities*. The report provides an overview of joint venture activity in various jurisdictions and industry sectors, outlines the effects of IFRS 11 on financial statements, provides a cost benefit analysis and compares IFRS 11 with the US GAAP requirements. Click [here](#) for the effects analysis.

New IASB chairman issues welcome message

The IASB posted to its website a welcome message from the new IASB chairman, Hans Hoogervorst. Mr. Hoogervorst speaks about the "substantial legacy" Sir David Tweedie has left following his chairmanship of the IASB. He also speaks of his own "passion for transparency and investor protection", sees "an opportunity for global reform" and discusses the IASB's priorities for the future. Click [here](#) for the welcome message.

For more useful information please see the following websites:

www.iasplus.com

www.deloitte.com

Trustees of the IFRS Foundation announce new IFRS Interpretations Committee Chair

The Trustees of the IFRS Foundation announced that Wayne Upton will take over as Chair of the IFRS Interpretations Committee from Robert Garnett. The appointment is effective immediately and Mr. Upton will chair his first meeting in September. Wayne Upton currently serves as the IASB's Director of International Activities; a position he will retain. Click [here](#) for the IASB press release.

IFRS Foundation updates IFRS XBRL Taxonomy for IFRS 12 and IFRS 13

The IFRS Foundation published an eXtensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL) IFRS Taxonomy 2011 interim release incorporating the requirements of IFRS 12 and IFRS 13 *Fair Value Measurement*. Click [here](#) for further details.

Scottish and New Zealand accounting bodies issue report on reducing disclosure burden under IFRSs

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland (ICAS) and the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants (NZICA) released a report from their project focused on reducing the volume of disclosure requirements in IFRSs. The report was prepared in response to a request from the IASB and outlines recommendations of the Joint Oversight Group of the ICAS and NZICA for possible amendments or eliminations of existing IFRS disclosure requirements. Representatives of the Joint Oversight Group presented the report findings to the IASB and FASB as part of the July 2011 Board meeting, Click [here](#) for the ICAS press release which provides a link to the ICAS and NZICA's report and click [here](#) for a summary of the IASB meeting notes.

Private sector task force issues interim report to G-20

The Private Sector Task Force of Regulated Professions and Industries published an interim report, *Regulatory Convergence in Financial Professions and Industries*, to the deputies of the G-20. The report focuses on the private sector's point of view regarding global regulatory convergence in order to assist the G-20 in its pursuit of providing comparability and consistency for investors, regulators and market participants. Click [here](#) for the interim report.

IVSC issues updated valuation standards

The International Valuation Standards Council (IVSC) published new International Valuation Standards (IVSs) covering valuation of a wide range of assets for financial reporting and other purposes. Key elements of the new IVSs include a focus on principles rather than prescriptive requirements in valuation, removal of the code of ethics which is currently subject to a separate consultation, introduction of new valuation requirements (including those in the areas of financial instruments and investment property under construction) and a streamlining of requirements from those outlined in current guidance. The new IVSs are effective from January 2012. Click [here](#) for the IVSC press release.

SEC roundtable discussions held on IFRSs

The US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) held roundtable discussions with representatives from investors, smaller public companies and regulators to discuss benefits and challenges related to potentially incorporating IFRSs in the United States financial reporting system. Click [here](#) for Deloitte's unofficial summary of the meeting.

ESMA issues statement disclosures related to sovereign debt

The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) published a public statement on disclosures related to sovereign debt to be included in IFRS financial statements. In the statement, the ESMA points out the need for enhanced transparency in interim and annual financial statements for European listed issuers using IFRSs. ESMA believes that "appropriate application of relevant IFRS is essential in order to ensure adequate disclosures by listed companies of their exposure to sovereign debt and related instruments". These disclosures should be provided on a country-by-country basis. Click [here](#) for the ESMA press release.

ESMA expresses view on IFRS Interpretations Committee agenda rejection statements

The ESMA published a public statement on retrospective adjustments to financial statements following rejection notices published by the IFRS Interpretations Committee, which considers whether such rejection notices should result in an accounting change and, if so, whether the change should be regarded as the correction of an error or a change in accounting policy in accordance with IAS 8 *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors*. ESMA notes that rejection notices concluding that IFRSs are sufficiently clear should be carefully considered by preparers in determining their accounting policies. A change in a previous accounting treatment following the issuance of a rejection notice should provide proper and sufficient disclosure on the reasons for the change under IAS 8, including reference to the rejection notice. Click [here](#) for the ESMA press release.

EFRAG issues update for the July meeting

The European Financial Reporting Advisory Group (EFRAG) released the July 2011 issue of its EFRAG Update newsletter, which includes reference to EFRAG's finalisation of its draft endorsement advice and effects study reports on IAS 19 *Employee Benefits* (revised 2011) and Amendments to IAS 1 *Presentation of Items of Comprehensive Income*. Click [here](#) for the EFRAG Update newsletter.

Deloitte IFRS communications and publications

Issuance Date	Description
27 July 2011	Dbrief Webcast: Important IFRS Developments
25 July 2011	Webcast Series on the Insurance Project: Limited and inconclusive monthly activity
8 July 2011	Accounting Journal Entry: SEC holds roundtable discussions on IFRSs
8 July 2011	IFRS Industry Insights: The Revenue Recognition Project – An update for the consumer business industry
2 July 2011	IFRS Industry Insights: The Revenue Recognition Project – An update for the manufacturing industry
1 July 2011	Webcast Series on the Insurance Project: Continuing divergence and unavoidable delay
1 July 2011	IAS Plus Interview: Hans Hoogervorst, New IASB Chairman

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IASB, IFRS Foundation Trustees, IFRS Foundation Monitoring Board and IFRS Interpretations Committee meetings

Description	
IASB meetings	Click here for the 28 July 2011 meeting notes Click here for the 20 – 22 July 2011 meeting notes
IFRS Foundation Trustees meeting	Click here for the 14 July 2011 meeting notes
IFRS Foundation Monitoring Board meeting	Click here for the 13 July 2011 meeting notes
IFRS Interpretations Committee meeting	Click here for the 7 – 8 July 2011 meeting notes

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Comment letters

	Description	Receiving party	Comment deadline
Comment letters issued	Report on the Trustees' Strategy Review	Trustees of the IFRS Foundation	25 July 2011
Comment letters pending	IFRS Interpretations Committee tentative agenda decisions: IAS 27: Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements – Group reorganisations in separate financial statements IFRS 3: Business Combinations – Business combinations involving newly formed entities: factors affecting identification of the acquirer IFRS 3: Business Combinations – Business combinations involving newly formed entities: business combinations under common control IFRS 3: Business Combinations – Acquirer in a reverse acquisition	IFRS Interpretations Committee	15 August 2011
	Improvements to IFRSs	IASB	21 October 2011
	Agenda Consultation 2011	IASB	30 November 2011

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