

EFRAG FR TEG-CFSS meeting 2 July 2024 Paper 06-01

EFRAG Secretariat: Didrik Thrane-Nielsen, Aleksandra Sivash, Juan José Gómez

This paper has been prepared by the EFRAG Secretariat for discussion at a public meeting of EFRAG FR TEG-CFSS. The paper forms part of an early stage of the development of a potential EFRAG position. Consequently, the paper does not represent the official views of EFRAG or any individual member of the EFRAG FRB or EFRAG FR TEG-CFSS. The paper is made available to enable the public to follow the discussions in the meeting. Tentative decisions are made in public and reported in the EFRAG Update. EFRAG positions, as approved by the EFRAG FRB, are published as comment letters, discussion or position papers, or in any other form considered appropriate in the circumstances.

Power Purchase Agreements Issues paper

Objective

- 1 The objective of this session is:
 - (a) to provide an overview of the IASB's <u>Exposure Draft Contracts for Renewable Electricity</u> published on 9 May 2024 with the proposed amendments to IFRS 9 and IFRS 7;
 - (b) to gather CFSS members input on the related questions in order to prepare for the ASAF meeting that will be held on 8 July 2024.

Background of the IASB project

- 2 The IFRS IC received a submission about the application of paragraph 2.4 of IFRS 9 to contracts for the procurement of renewable energy as part of a company's commitment to reduce the effects of climate change and to decarbonise their production and products.
- 3 The IASB Staff had conducted a request for information ('RFI') on the prevalence and materiality of the issue and concluded the issue to be prevalent and material.
- 4 At its June 2023 meeting, the IASB tentatively decided to research whether narrow-scope amendments could be made to IFRS 9 to better reflect how financial statements are affected by power purchase agreements, both physical ('PPAs') and virtual ('vPPAs').
- At its December 2023 meeting, the IASB discussed the research made by the IASB staff and a potential approach to narrow-scope standard setting. The IASB tentatively decided: (a) to undertake narrow-scope standard-setting to amend IFRS 9 Financial Instruments, with the next project milestone to be an exposure draft; and (b) to explore an approach to this standard-setting that includes amending the 'own use' and hedge accounting requirements in IFRS 9.
- At its January 2024 ASAF meeting, the IASB further collected the views of the ASAF members on the potential narrow-scope standard-setting solution.
- 7 At its March 2024 meeting, the IASB discussed the proposed amendments to IFRS 9 Financial Instruments and IFRS 7, Financial Instruments: disclosures and IFRS 19 Subsidiaries without Public Accountability: Disclosures and the due process steps in relation to the upcoming Exposure Draft.

In May 2024 the IASB issued the <u>Exposure Draft Contracts for Renewable</u> <u>Electricity</u> with the comments due on 7 August 2024.

Background of the EFRAG project

- 9 EFRAG was closely monitoring the project providing feedback gathered from its working groups, FR TEG and CFSS in September 2023 ASAF meeting and in January 2024 ASAF meeting.
- 10 EFRAG Secretariat consulted on the ED proposals with FIWG members, User Panel, FR TEG and FR Board. Based on the collected views, on 13 June 2024 EFRAG issued its <u>Draft Comment Letter</u> (DCL) open for comments until 15 July 2024.

Next steps

- 11 EFRAG Secretariat will analyse received comment letters on its DCL and search for approval of a Final Comment Letter in a joint EFRAG FR TEG / FRB meeting 29 July to issue the Final Comment Letter by 7 August 2024.
- 12 IASB's supplementary meeting to discuss the feedback on the ED will take place on 28 August 2024.

Agenda Papers

- 13 In addition to this paper, agenda papers for this session are:
 - (a) Agenda paper 06-02 ASAF paper on Exposure Draft Contracts for Renewable Electricity

Questions to EFRAG FR TEG and CFSS

- 14 In your view, would the proposed requirements (as presented on slides 9-14 of the agenda paper 06-02) address the objectives the IASB aims to achieve (as set on slide 7 of the agenda paper 06-02)? If not, why not and what alternatives would you suggest?
- Are you aware of any operational challenges in providing the proposed disclosures (as presented on slide 13 of the agenda paper 06-02)? If so, what reasons did your stakeholders provide and do they have any alternative suggestions to provide useful information to users of financial statements?
- 16 Do you have views about an appropriate effective date for the proposed amendments given the ask from stakeholders for a timely solution?