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## **Technical Work Plan November 2019 – March 2020**

### **Objective**

- 1 The objective of this session is for the EFRAG Board to conduct its regular review of the technical work plan and advise of any necessary changes.

### **Background**

- 2 In the past, the EFRAG Board requested that:
  - (a) an explanation be provided for any IASB implementation projects that are classified as significant; and
  - (b) the work plan be updated and presented for approval at every meeting.
- 3 Attachment 1 to this note contains the reasoning behind classifying IASB projects as significant.
- 4 At its June 2017 meeting, the EFRAG Board agreed that, as responses to IASB post-implementation reviews collate European views and do not include an EFRAG position, post-implementation review responses should be finalised by EFRAG TEG. IASB proposed post-implementation reviews have been included in the work plan for the convenience of EFRAG Board members, but no action is expected from the EFRAG Board.
- 5 At its meeting in September 2016, the EFRAG Board agreed that the classification of IASB research projects as significant or for processing by written procedure should be deferred until the significance of each project emerges.
- 6 Attachment 2 to this note contains the draft technical work plan, based on the IASB's work plan at the time of preparing this paper (excluding the IFRS Taxonomy and the *IFRS for SMEs* projects) and the EFRAG research work plan. It also identifies the expected timing of written procedures.

### **Questions for the EFRAG Board**

- 7 Does the EFRAG Board have any comments on the technical work plan?

**Attachment 1: Basis for classifying research projects or minor projects as significant**

*Financial Instruments with Characteristics of Equity*

- 8 Given the potential impact of this project, especially for financial institutions, the EFRAG Board decided that the EFRAG position on the IASB's Discussion Paper *Financial Instruments with Characteristics of Equity* should be **considered in a public meeting** rather than by written procedure. The Discussion Paper was issued in June 2018 and the EFRAG Board approved the final comment letter at its meeting in January 2019.

*Primary Financial Statements*

- 9 At its meeting in April 2017, the EFRAG Board decided that the EFRAG comment letter on the IASB's *Primary Financial Statements* project should be **considered in a public meeting**. The *Primary Financial Statements* project is likely to lead to significant changes to the presentation of financial performance.
- 10 The EFRAG Board was updated on the development of the IASB project at its meeting in December 2018 jointly with EFRAG TEG. The Exposure Draft is expected in December 2019 and next project update for the EFRAG Board is planned for the meeting on 18 December 2019.

*Goodwill and Impairment*

- 11 The EFRAG Board decided to **consider this project in public meeting**, given the significant work undertaken by EFRAG in recent years.
- 12 The EFRAG Board was provided with an update on the development of the IASB's project at its meeting in December 2018 jointly with EFRAG TEG. A Discussion Paper is expected in Q1 2020. The next update for the EFRAG Board is planned for the meeting on 14 January 2020.

*IBOR Reform and its Effects on Financial Reporting*

- 13 The EFRAG Board noted the potentially significant impact on financial markets of the regulatory activities reforming the various IBORs currently in use. Although the EFRAG Board originally decided that this project should be considered in a public meeting, the EFRAG Board agreed that in view of the urgency it would approve the Phase 1 endorsement advice by written procedure.
- 14 The Phase 1 amendments to IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments*, IAS 39 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement* and IFRS 7 *Financial Instruments: Presentation* were issued on 26 September 2019 and the EFRAG final endorsement advice was sent to the EC on 16 October 2019.
- 15 The IASB is presently considering issues to be addressed in Phase 2. The IASB project plan foresees the amendments being discussed at all the meetings taking place between October 2019 and February 2020. EFRAG TEG will be advised by the EFRAG FIWG on their views on the tentative decisions progressively taken by the IASB in this period (with one month of lag) and the EFRAG Board will be updated at the first useful meeting. Unless a decision to switch to written approval is taken in the coming months, we propose to discuss the project at the EFRAG Board in public meetings.

**Attachment 2: Work plan November 2019 – March 2020**

**Legend**

**Bold** = EFRAG Board decision point      **DCL** = Draft comment letter  
**WP** = Written procedure                      **FCL** = Final comment letter  
**DP** = Discussion paper                        **DEA** = Draft endorsement advice  
**ED** = Exposure draft                          **FEA** = Final endorsement advice

Project (IASB next steps in brackets)	Most recent status		2019			2020		
			Nov 13	Dec 11 cc	Dec 18	Jan 14	Feb 18	Mar 17
<b>IASB SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS</b>								
Insurance Contracts (ED feedback Nov 2019)	ED DCL July 2019	ED FCL Sept 2019	Project update		Project update	Project update	Project update	Project update
Rate-regulated Activities (ED expected H1 2020)	DP DCL Oct 2014	DP FCL Jan 2015					Project update	
Disclosure initiative – Targeted Standards-level Review of Disclosures (ED expected)								
Dynamic Risk Management (Core model expected H1 2020)	DP DCL July 2014	DP FCL Oct 2014				Project update		

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Financial Instruments with Characteristics of Equity (Decide project direction Q1 2020)	DP DCL Aug 2018	DP FCL Feb 2019						
Goodwill and Impairment (DP expected Q1 2020)						Project update		
IBOR reform and its effects on financial reporting Phase 2 (ED expected)					Project update		Project update	Project update
Primary financial statements (ED expected Dec 2019)					Project update		<b>ED DCL</b>	
2020 Agenda consultation (Request for information expected H2 2020)			Consider possible projects					
<b>IASB PROJECTS BY WRITTEN PROCEDURE: Implementation</b>								
Accounting policies and accounting estimates (amend IAS 8) (IFRS amendment expected)	ED DCL Sep 2017	ED FCL Jan 2018						
Accounting policy changes (amend IAS 8) (Decide project direction)	ED DCL Apr 2018	ED FCL Aug 2018						

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Availability of a refund (amend IFRIC 14) (IFRS amendment expected)	ED DCL July 2015	ED FCL Nov 2015						
Classification of liabilities as current or non-current (amend IAS 1) (IFRS amendment Q1 2020)	ED DCL Mar 2015	ED FCL Jun 2015						
Deferred tax related to assets and liabilities arising from a single transaction (amend IAS 12) (ED issued July 2019)	ED DCL Sept 2019		<b>ED FCL WP</b>					
Disclosure initiative – Accounting policies (ED issued August 2019)	ED DCL Oct 2019			<b>ED FCL</b>				
Management Commentary Practice Statement (ED expected H2 2020)								
Onerous contracts - Costs of fulfilling a contract (amend IAS 37) (Decide project direction Sept 2019)	ED DCL Jan 2019	ED FCL Apr 2019						
PPE Proceeds before Intended Use (amend IAS 16) (IFRS amendment Q1 2020)	ED DCL July 2017	ED FCL Nov 2017						

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Provisions (Review research Jan 2020)								
Subsidiaries that are SMEs (Review research Jan 2020)								
Updating a reference to the Conceptual Framework (amend IFRS 3) (ED feedback)	ED DCL June 2019	ED FCL Sep 2019						
Annual Improvements 2018-2020 Cycle (ED feedback Nov 2019)	ED DCL June 2019	ED FCL August 2019						
• Fees in the '10 per cent' Test for Derecognition of Financial Liabilities (amend IFRS 9)								
• Lease Incentives (amend to illustrative example 13 accompanying IFRS 16)								
• Subsidiary as a First-time Adopter (Amend IFRS 1)								
• Taxation in Fair Value Measurements (Amend IAS 41)								

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<b>IASB PROJECTS: Research</b>							
Business Combinations Under Common Control (DP expected H1 2020)							
Extractive activities (Review research H1 2020)							
Pension Benefits that Depend on Asset Returns (Review research Dec 2019)							
<b>IASB Post-implementation reviews</b>							
Consolidation package: IFRS 10, IFRS 11, IFRS 12 (review research Q1 2020)							
IFRS 5 <i>Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations</i>							

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<b>EFRAG RESEARCH PROJECTS</b>								
General update			Update				Update	
Better Information on Intangible Assets					Consider literature review			
Crypto-assets							<b>Approve DP</b>	
Discounting with Current Interest Rates								
Equity Instruments: Research on Measurement (Comments on questionnaire close 5 July 2019)			Consider response to EC		<b>Approve response to EC</b>			
Accounting for Pension Plans with an Asset-return Promise (Comments close 15 Nov 2019)	DP May 2019					Consider feedback statement		
EFRAG Research Variable and Contingent Consideration								