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Technical Work Plan January 2021 – June 2021

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.

Changes to the workplan since last EFRAG Board review

- 6 BCUCC: Considering the postponed date for the issuance of the Discussion Paper the approval of the DCL is now postponed to January next year.
- 7 Management Commentary: The exposure draft is expected to be published now in April 2021 (instead of Q1 2021). The issuance of EFRAG DCL is planned for May 2021.
- 8 The IASB added two new Research projects on its agenda: Equity Method and Post Implementation Review of IFRS 9.
- 9 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

- 10 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

- 11 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

- 12 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.
- 13 The EFRAG Board has approved a final comment letter on the Exposure Draft of the new standard in the meeting on October 30.

Goodwill and Impairment

- 14 The EFRAG Board decided to **consider this project in public meeting**, given the significant work undertaken by EFRAG in recent years.
- 15 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 and in the meeting in December 2019. A Discussion Paper was issued in March 2020. The DCL by EFRAG Board was approved in the webcast meeting as of May 18 2020. Deadline for comments was the 30 November. Approval by the Board is planned in January 2021.

Business Combination under Common Control

- 16 The IASB is exploring ways to improve the reporting on combinations of businesses under common control. The IASB has completed its discussions of measurement approaches and disclosures and is preparing a discussion paper setting out its preliminary views on reporting these transactions. The IASB plans to publish the Discussion Paper in November 2020. The issuance of EFRAG DCL is planned for beginning of February 2021. In the meeting 16 June the Board has agreed to discuss the DCL in a dedicated meeting (rather than to adopt a written procedure).

Management Commentary

- 17 The IASB revises the IFRS Practice Statement 1 *Management Commentary* (Practice Statement). In undertaking the project, the IASB will consider how broader financial reporting could complement financial statements prepared applying IFRS Standards. The IASB has completed an initial round of consultations and is currently discussing what guidance to provide in the revised Practice Statement. The exposure draft is expected to be published in April 2021. The issuance of EFRAG DCL is planned for May 2021. In the October meeting 2020 the Board decided the project to be classified as significant.

Dynamic risk management

- 18 The IASB will start the field test of the core model with selected preparers in October. EFRAG will take part to this field test and focus on European preparers. The ultimate purpose of the project is for the IASB to pave the way of a discontinuation of use of

IAS 39, which is still used by entities that apply the fair value hedge to interest rate risk. The topic has a direct relevant impact for European stakeholders as the continuation of use of IAS 39 (paragraphs related to the macrohedge) is also linked to the use of the carve-out. EFRAG will also run a supplement of testing with European banks not included in the list by the IASB. EFRAG Board will consider the result of the EFRAG testing activity in a public meeting and a Report will be issued. The EFRAG Board agreed in the October 2020 meeting to classify the project as being significant.

IASB Agenda Consultation and EFRAG research agenda consultation

- 19 The Board is currently discussing the content of a Request for Information. To assist stakeholders affected by the coronavirus pandemic, the publication of this Request for Information will be postponed to H1 2021 (estimated March 2021). The consultation will shape the IASB agenda for the next 5 years. At the same time, EFRAG will consult on its own Agenda, and in particular on proactive research projects. The EFRAG Board agreed in the October 2020 meeting to classify the project as being significant.

Attachment 2: Work plan January 2021 – June 2021

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								
			Jan 14	Feb 3	Mar 15	Mar 17	Mar 29	May 5	June 9
IASB SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS									
Insurance Contracts IFRS amendment issued on 25 June 2020	DEA Sept 2020				Prepare FEA		FEA		
Rate-regulated Activities (ED expected Q1 2021)	DP DCL Oct 2014	DP FCL Jan 2015				DCL			
Disclosure initiative – Targeted Standards-level Review of Disclosures (ED expected H1 2021)								DCL	

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Dynamic Risk Management (Core model outreach discussion Q4 2020)	DP DCL July 2014	DP FCL Oct 2014								Summary report about core model outreach -
Financial Instruments with Characteristics of Equity (Decide project direction Dec 2020)	DP DCL Aug 2018	DP FCL Feb 2019								
Goodwill and Impairment (End of comment period 31 December)	DP DCL May 2020		FCL							
Primary financial statements (ED issued Dec 2019, ED feedback expected H1 2021)	ED FCL Nov 2020									
Business Combinations Under Common Control (DP Nov 2020)				DCL						
Management Commentary Practice Statement (ED expected Q1 2021)							Update		DCL	
2020 Agenda consultation (Request for information expected H1 2021)							Update			

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IASB PROJECTS BY WRITTEN PROCEDURE: Implementation									
Accounting policies and accounting estimates (amend IAS 8) (IFRS amendment expected Q1 2021)	ED DCL Sep 2017	ED FCL Jan 2018				DEA (written procedure)			FEA (written procedure)
Availability of a refund (amend IFRIC 14) (IFRS amendment rejected, decide project direction)	ED DCL July 2015	ED FCL Nov 2015							
Classification of liabilities as current or non-current (amend IAS 1) – 2 amendments (IFRS amendment January 2020; ED to postpone application date to 2023)	ED DEA Nov 2020					FEA (written procedure)			
Deferred tax related to assets and liabilities arising from a single transaction (amend IAS 12) (ED issued July 2019, Decide Project Direction)	ED DCL Sept 2019	ED FCL WP Nov 2019							

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Disclosure initiative – Accounting policies (ED issued August 2019, ED feedback discussed February 2020, IFRS amendment expected Q1 2020)	ED DCL Oct 2019	Dec 2019 FCL		DEA (written procedure)					FEA (written procedure)	
Provisions (Decide project direction)										
Subsidiaries that are SMEs (Discussion Paper or ED decision Q4 2020)										
Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback (amend IFRS 16) (ED Q4 2020)			DCL (written procedure)			FCL (written procedure)				
Lack of Exchangeability (Am. to IAS 21)	ED								DCL	
IASB PROJECTS: Research										
Extractive activities (Decide project direction H1 2021)										

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Equity Method (Decide project direction)									
Pension Benefits that Depend on Asset Returns (Review research Q4 2020)									
IASB Post-implementation reviews									
Consolidation package: IFRS 10, IFRS 11, IFRS 12 (review research Q4 2020)								Project update	
IFRS 5 <i>Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations</i>									
EFRAG RESEARCH PROJECTS									
General update				Update				Update	
Better Information on Intangible Assets									
Crypto-assets									

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Discounting with Current Interest Rates									
EFRAG Research Variable and Contingent Consideration									