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Technical Work Plan April 2023 - October 2023

Objective

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

Background

- 2 In the past, the EFRAG FRB requested that:
 - a) an explanation be provided for any IASB implementation projects that are classified as significant; and
 - b) the work plan is to 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 FRB agreed that, as responses to IASB post-implementation reviews EFRAG shall collate European views and normally do not include an EFRAG position, post-implementation review responses should be finalised by EFRAG FR TEG. IASB proposed post-implementation reviews have been included in the work plan for the convenience of EFRAG FRB members, but no action is expected from the EFRAG FRB.
- 5 At its meeting in September 2016, the EFRAG FRB 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 the last EFRAG FRB review

- 6 DRM: The timing of the ED for Dynamic Risk Management is now not expected to be in 2023.
- 7 Amendments to the Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments: The ED was issued on 21 March 2023. The ED feedback is now expected in H2 2023.
- 8 PIR IFRS 9 – Impairment: The RFI is now expected in May 2023 (previously Q2 2023).
- 9 Supplier Finance Arrangements: The final amendments are now expected to be issued in May 2023 (previously Q2 2023).
- 10 DI - Targeted Standards-level Review of Disclosures: The IASB has concluded its project on improving its approach to developing and drafting disclosure requirements. The improved approach is summarised in guidance that the IASB has published in March, alongside a Project Summary and Feedback Statement, as part

of the IASB's Targeted Standards-level Review of Disclosures project. EFRAG takes the project from its work plan.

- 11 Lack of exchangeability (Amendments to IAS 21): Final amendments to IAS 21 are now expected in Q3 2023 (previously H2 2023).
- 12 Climate-related Risks in Financial Statements: In March 2023, the IASB moved the project from the maintenance project pipeline to the maintenance project workplan. The purpose of this project is to explore whether and how financial statements can better communicate information about climate-related risks.

Basis of preparation of the workplan

Sessions to Update the EFRAG FRB

- 13 The IASB projects currently active are mostly in the re-deliberation phase, following the outcome of a consultation on the ED (or RFI). The EFRAG Secretariat is actively following the process per each project and undertaking: EFRAG FR TEG is regularly updated on the progress of the IASB deliberations; the IASB decisions are discussed also with the CFSS, in preparation of ASAF meetings. When appropriate, the EFRAG Secretariat undertakes selected initiatives to prepare for the next steps, such as impact analysis or similar activities. In this context, we plan to update the EFRAG FRB when the IASB decisions and/or the EFRAG FR TEG discussions show substantial progress on a given project. Accordingly, the attached schedule of updates is tentative and will be updated depending on the progress made on each project in the coming months.

Active projects that we expect to add soon to the workplan

- 14 We expect the IASB to add a number of projects in the coming months (IFRS 16 / IFRS 10 Sale and Lease Back – Subsidiaries, PIR IFRS 16).

EFRAG proactive agenda

- 15 In June 2022 the FRB - following the agenda consultation and in light of the decisions made by the IASB – added two new EFRAG proactive research projects on the EFRAGs workplan. The new projects are on the connectivity between financial and sustainability reporting and cash flow reporting. EFRAG FRB also approved the addition to a reserve list of pollutant pricing mechanisms and operating segment reporting projects.

Attachment 2

- 16 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 FRB

- 17 Does the EFRAG FRB have any comments on the technical work plan?

Attachment 1: Basis for classifying projects as significant

Financial Instruments with Characteristics of Equity

- 18 Given the potential impact of this project, especially for financial institutions, the EFRAG Board decided in 2017 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.

Primary Financial Statements

- 19 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.
- 20 EFRAG Secretariat is closely monitoring the developments of the IASB project.

Business Combinations – Disclosures, Goodwill and Impairment

- 21 The EFRAG Board decided in March 2018 to consider this project in a public meeting, given the significant work undertaken by EFRAG in recent years.
- 22 In 2022, the IASB has decided to continue with an impairment only model. The IASB has decided to bring the project to a standard setting level. The IASB has largely made its tentative decisions related to disclosure requirements on synergies expected from a BC and information about subsequent performance of BC. The IASB is now looking at possibilities to simplify and improve the impairment test.

Business Combination under Common Control

- 23 The IASB is exploring ways to improve the reporting on combinations of businesses under common control. In November 2020 the IASB issued a discussion paper. EFRAG issued its DCL on 9 February and its FCL in October 2021. The EFRAG Board decided in June 2020 to consider this project in public meetings.

Management Commentary

- 24 The IASB is revising the IFRS Practice Statement 1 *Management Commentary* (Practice Statement). At the October 2020 meeting, the Board decided the project should be classified as significant. Following the formation of the ISSB, the Chairs of the IASB and the ISSB have committed to considering opportunities to address similarities and differences between the IASB's proposals in the Management Commentary project and the Integrated Reporting Framework. As part of its forthcoming agenda consultation, the ISSB will seek views on whether and how a project on connectivity could build on the work done on the Management Commentary project, analyse the feedback on the IASB's proposals on this project and explore similarities and differences between those proposals and the Integrated Reporting Framework.

Dynamic risk management

- 25 The IASB has tested in 1H21 the core model with selected preparers; EFRAG took part in this field test and focused on European preparers. The topic has a direct relevant impact on European stakeholders as the continuation of the use of IAS 39 (paragraphs related to the macro hedge) is also linked to the use of the carve-out. The EFRAG FRB agreed in the October 2020 meeting to classify the project as being significant.
- 26 In June 2022 the IASB decided to add the project to its standard setting projects.

Amendment to IAS 1 – Classification of liabilities as current or non-current

- 27 Because of diversity in practice on the classification of liabilities as current and non-current and an apparent contradiction between IAS 1 paragraph 69(d) and IAS 1 paragraph 73 the IASB published amendments to IAS 1 on January 23, 2020.
- 28 The IASB issued as part of the issues related to COVID19 Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current — Deferral of Effective Date (Amendment to IAS 1) deferring the effective date of the January 2020 amendments to IAS 1 by one year to annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023.
- 29 In December 2020 and in April 2021 the classification of liabilities was discussed in the IFRS IC meeting. The IASB decided in June 2021 to add a new project on its agenda that is expected to lead to new Amendments to IAS 1, effective from 2024.
- 30 In July 2021 the EFRAG FRB decided to classify the project as being significant. The ED was published in Nov 2021. The EFRAG DCL was issued in January 2022. The EFRAG FCL was issued in March 2022. The amendments to IAS 1 were Issued in October 2022.
- 31 EFRAG Secretariat is bringing an endorsement advice to the EFRAG FRB for the March meeting.

Disclosure Initiative – Targeted Standards Level Review

- 32 As a reaction to the feedback received on the IASB research project on disclosures, the IASB undertook this project in response to stakeholder demand for addressing the overall disclosure problem. In March 2021, the IASB published the Exposure Draft *Disclosure Requirements in IFRS Standards—A Pilot Approach*. In the Exposure Draft, the IASB proposes a new approach to developing disclosure requirements in individual Standards (proposed Guidance for the Board) that would address better investors' information needs and clearly explains those needs in the Standards, give greater prominence to disclosure objectives, requiring companies to apply judgement and provide information that meets the described investor information needs and minimises requirements to disclose particular items of information to help companies focus on disclosing material information only. The approach is tested on IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement and IAS 19 Employee Benefits. EFRAG FRB decided to qualify the project as significant based on the potential impact on standard setting. In January 2022 EFRAG submitted a comment letter on the ED to the IASB.
- 33 As requested by EFRAG FRB in February the EFRAG Secretariat contacted the IASB Staff to submit the concerns related to the placement and maintenance of the internal guidance. After publication of the internal guidance EFRAG is taking the project from its workplan.

Disclosure Initiative – Subsidiaries without Public Accountability: Disclosures

- 34 As a reaction to the feedback received on the IASB research project on disclosures, the IASB undertook this project in response to the demand for a simplified and less costly approach for subsidiaries that are SMEs. In the meeting on 5 May 2021, EFRAG FRB decided to discuss the key aspects of this project, based on the importance and implications of the project in some European jurisdictions. EFRAG FRB was informed about the project in July 2021 and discussed the scope of the ED in detail. The discussion on the detailed disclosure requirements per IFRS standard was covered by TEG. In February 2022 EFRAG submitted its comment letter to the IASB.
- 35 In its June Meeting 2022 the IASB decided to issue an IFRS Accounting Standard.

- 36 EFRAG Secretariat is monitoring the developments of the IASB project.

Supplier Finance Arrangements

- 37 The IFRS IC received a submission about supplier finance arrangements. In response to that submission, the Committee published the Agenda Decision *Supply Chain Financing Arrangements—Reverse Factoring*. The IASB has been informed, however, that without targeted amendments to the current disclosure requirements, users of financial statements may be unable to obtain from financial statements some of the information they need to understand the effects of the arrangements. The IASB, therefore, decided to propose adding disclosure requirements about those arrangements to meet user needs. Based on the user interest, the EFRAG FRB agreed in the July 2021 meeting to classify the project as being significant.
- 38 In March 2022 EFRAG submitted its comment letter on the ED to the IASB. EFRAG Secretariat is monitoring the developments of the IASB project. The IASB decided in its Meeting in November 2022 to issue an Amendment in H1 2023 (now May 2023) with an application date for any period on or after 1 January 2024.
- 39 EFRAG Secretariat is preparing the endorsement advice.

Provisions – Targeted Improvements

- 40 In its February 2022 meeting, the IASB decided to progress with its project on amending IAS 37 to align the definition of a liability with that in the Conceptual Framework and to clarify which cost to be included in measuring a liability as well as which discount rate to use when measuring the liability. The IASB board acknowledges the risk of the project having knock-on effects that may make the project a significant one. Due to the broad application of IAS 37, EFRAG FRB in March 2022 decided to be updated on the project to amend IAS 37.

Rate-regulated Activities

- 41 The IASB published an Exposure Draft *Regulatory Assets and Regulatory Liabilities* in January 2021. The ED proposes a supplemental Standard that will replace IFRS 14 *Regulatory Deferral Accounts*, which is an interim Standard that was not endorsed in the EU. Unlike IFRS 14, the proposed Standard is expected to be endorsed and mandatory for IFRS reporting entities within its scope. It will be applicable for sectors where rates/tariffs are determined based on regulatory agreements. It primarily affects the utilities sector, but it could also apply to other sectors. Hence, the potential impact of the Standard spans various EU jurisdictions as was evident from the comment letter responses to EFRAG and the IASB. Furthermore, EFRAG has a Rate-regulated Activities Working Group consisting of EU stakeholders (preparers, auditors and a user). For this reason, it is a significant project.
- 42 In Q4 2021 the IASB was updated on constituents' feedback to the ED and in December it decided on its redeliberation plan with a prioritisation of the three topics that were of significant concern (scope, total allowed compensation and discount rate applied for regulatory assets). In 2022, the IASB commenced its redeliberations and has held seven meetings, consulted its Rate-regulation Consultative working group three times, and discussed the topic at ASAF two times. In these meetings, the IASB has focused on the scope and total allowed compensation and has largely completed its redeliberation and tentative decisions on scope. The IASB

redeliberations on scope, total allowed compensation, discount rate and ten other topics will continue in 2023 and a final Standard is expected in 2024.

- 43 EFRAG Secretariat is monitoring the developments of the IASB project and, in March, April, July, September, November and December 2022, has had update sessions with the EFRAG FR TEG-CFSS, EFRAG RRAWG, EFRAG TEG and EFRAG FRB. EFRAG is supporting an IASB staff outreach to preparers on the features of different regulatory schemes.

Amendments to the Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments

- 44 Following the PIR IFRS 9 - Classification and Measurement the IASB has issued an ED Amendments to the Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments. The ED propose to (a) clarify the requirements for assessing a financial asset's contractual cash flow characteristics (relevant among others for financial assets with ESG-linked features and contractually linked instruments), (b) provide extended disclosure requirements for equity instruments at FVOCI and (c) introduce an accounting policy choice to allow an entity to derecognise a financial liability before it delivers cash on the settlement date when specified criteria are met. The project is a fast-moving project with the comment period of the ED ending on 19 July 2023. ESG lending is of great importance for European banks. The EFRAG FRB agreed in the October 2022 meeting to classify the project as being significant.
- 45 EFRAG Secretariat is preparing a Draft CL for EFRAG FRB approval in 3 May 2023 meeting.

International Tax Reform – Pillar Two Model Rules Text

- 46 In December 2022 the EFRAG FRB considered the project being significant, given the level of complexity and potential significant accounting impact. EFRAG FRB requested to discuss the DCL, FCL, DEA and FEA in meetings and to follow a fast-track process.
- 47 EFRAG Secretariat organised extensive outreach for the IASB to collect feedback for the final comment letter. The comment letter was submitted on 13 March to the IASB. Currently, EFRAG Secretariat prepares the endorsement advice to ensure the delivery of the endorsement advice to the EC within 10 days after the publication of the amendments.

Attachment 2: Work plan April 2023 - October 2023

Legend

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

Project (IASB next steps in brackets)	Most recent status							
			24 April	3 May joint with SRB	3 May FRB only	20 June	13 July	3 October
Rate-regulated Activities (IFRS Standard)	ED DCL April 2021	ED FCL Sept 2021			Update			
Disclosure Initiative – Subsidiaries without Public Accountability (IFRS Standard)	ED DCL Sept 2021	ED FCL Feb 2022						Update
Financial Instruments with Characteristics of Equity (ED H2 2023)	DP DCL Aug 2018	DP FCL Feb 2019				Update		

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Primary financial statements (IFRS Standard)	ED DCL Feb 2020	ED FCL Nov 2020						Update
Management Commentary Practice Statement (Decide Project Direction)	ED DCL July 2021	ED FCL Dec 2021						
Dynamic Risk Management (ED not in 2023)	Summary report about Core model Outreach June 2021							
Business Combinations – Disclosures, Goodwill and Impairment (ED)	DP DCL May 2020	DP FCL Jan 2021				Update		
Business Combinations Under Common Control (Decide Project Direction)	DP DCL Feb 2021	DP FCL Oct 2021					Update	

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Amendments IAS 1: Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current - Deferral of Effective Date Non-current Liabilities with Covenants (IFRS Amendments Oct 2022)	DEA Dec 2022	FEA March 2023						
Supplier Finance Arrangements (Amendments May 2023)	ED DCL Jan 2022	FCL March 2022					DEA	FEA
Provisions – Targeted Improvements (Decide Project Direction)								

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Amendments to the Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments (ED feedback H2 2023)					DCL		FCL	
International Tax Reform – Pillar Two Model Rules (ED feedback April 2023)	FCL Mar 2023		Preconsultation document for DEA			DEA and FEA (additional meetings)		
IASB PROJECTS BY WRITTEN PROCEDURE: Implementation								
Lack of Exchangeability (Amendments to IAS 21 Q3 2023)	ED DCL June 2021	FCL Sept 2021						Possible DEA
Climate-related Risks in the Financial Statements						Update		
IASB PROJECTS: Research								

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Extractive activities (Decide project direction Q3 2023)								
Equity Method (Decide project direction April 2023)								
IASB Post Implementation Review								
PIR IFRS 9 – Impairment (RFI May 2023)					Presentation of the list of application issues as discussed with TEG		Draft response to RFI	
PIR IFRS 9 – Hedge Accounting								
PIR IFRS 15 – Revenue Recognition (RFI Q2 2023)					Presentation of the list of application issues as discussed with TEG		Draft response to RFI	

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EFRAG proactive agenda 2022/2026								
EFRAG research Better Information on Intangibles	Recommendations and feedback statement approved and awaiting publication of an academic paper to be issued							
EFRAG research Crypto-assets	Recommendations and feedback statement issued in April 2022							
EFRAG Research Variable Consideration	DP published Sept 2022							
EFRAG Research Connectivity between financial and sustainability reporting				Update				

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EFRAG Research Cash Flow Reporting						Decide scope of the project		
EFRAG Research Reserve list project Pollutant Pricing Mechanism								
EFRAG research Reserve list project Operating Segment								
EFRAG Research New evidence on the relevance of recycling FVOCI gains and losses								