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Invitation to comment – IASB ED IFRS Transfers of Investment Property – *Proposed* amendment to IAS 40

Dear Sir, Madam,

The Belgian Accounting Standards Board (BASB) is pleased to respond to the Exposure Draft on *Transfer of Investment Property* issued by the IASB (the "Board") on 19 November 2015 (hereinafter the "ED").

Question 1 – Proposed amendment

The IASB proposes to amend paragraph 57 of IAS 40 to:

- (a) state that an entity shall transfer a property to, or from, investment property when, and only when, there is evidence of a change in use. A change in use occurs when the property meets, or ceases to meet, the definition of investment property.
- (b) re-characterise the list of circumstances set out in paragraph 57(a)–(d) as a non-exhaustive list of examples of evidence that a change in use has occurred instead of an exhaustive list.

Do you agree? Why or why not?

Answer:

Yes, we agree and support the proposed amendment as we believe that these clarifications are helpful in eliminating an area of diversity in current practice.

Question 2 - Transition provisions

The IASB proposes retrospective application of the proposed amendment to IAS 40.

Do you agree? Why or why not?

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Answer:

We agree with the proposed retrospective application of the proposed amendment for the reason given in the Basis for Conclusions to the ED.

Should you wish to discuss the content of this letter with us, please contact Jan Verhoeye at jan.verhoeye@cnc-cbn.be.

Yours faithfully,

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