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# Press Release

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## **IASB seeks input on proposed FASB guidance regarding fair value measurement and impairments of financial instruments**

The International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) today announced its intention to seek views from interested parties on proposals from the US Financial Accounting Standards Board (US FASB) that deal with guidance on fair value measurement and impairments of financial instruments.

The proposed guidance on fair value measurement will also be referred to an Expert Advisory Panel established by the IASB in 2008 to consider fair value measurement in inactive markets. Educational guidance resulting from panel meetings was previously issued by the IASB in October 2008.

Feedback from interested parties and the panel will be considered by the IASB before deciding whether to publish formal proposals for public comment. A request for views will be published on the IASB website later this week.

Both of FASB's proposals are in the form of draft Staff Positions (FSPs) and are intended to provide additional application guidance. The FASB has set a 15-day comment period, which will end on 1 April 2009. Further details are available on the FASB website at [www.fasb.org](http://www.fasb.org).

In October 2008 the two boards committed themselves to a joint approach in dealing with reporting issues arising from the global financial crisis. The need for consistency between International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) and US generally accepted accounting principles was emphasised by those attending the IASB/FASB round-table discussions on the financial crisis held in the fourth quarter of 2008 and was also the subject of requests by the leaders of the G20 group of nations when they met in Washington, DC, in November 2008. The IASB is also conscious of the need to account for views internationally through appropriate due process – another clear message arising

at the round table discussions, expressed by national accounting standard setters, and other stakeholders internationally.

Commenting on the announcement Sir David Tweedie, Chairman of the IASB said:

Whilst these are US proposals specifically targeted at US capital markets we have been asked by the G20 and others to deal with financial reporting issues on a globally consistent basis. For this reason we are seeking views about the FASB proposals from our Fair Value Measurement Expert Advisory Panel as well as other interested parties.

Any proposed changes in IFRSs will be subject to due process.

A summary of the IASB's response to the financial crisis is available on the IASB website at [www.iasb.org/financialcrisis](http://www.iasb.org/financialcrisis)

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**Notes to the Editors**

***About the Expert Advisory Panel***

The panel was formed in May 2008 to assist the IASB in reviewing best practices in the area of valuation techniques and formulating any necessary additional guidance on valuation methods for financial instruments and related disclosures when markets are no longer active.

The expert advisory panel comprises experts from users, preparers and auditors of financial statements, as well as regulators and others. Participants were selected on the basis of their practical experience with the valuation of financial instruments in the current market environment. The panel met on seven occasions and the IASB published educational guidance reflecting the outcome of the panel meetings in October 2008.

### ***About the IASB***

The IASB, based in London, began operations in 2001. The IASB has up to 16 members (13 of whom are full-time) who are drawn from nine countries at present and have a variety of professional backgrounds.

The IASB is committed to developing, in the public interest, a single set of high quality, global accounting standards that require transparent and comparable information in general purpose financial statements. In pursuit of this objective, the IASB co-operates with national accounting standard-setters to achieve convergence in accounting standards around the world.