IAS 12 Income Taxes (July 2014)

Recognition of deferred tax for a single asset in a corporate wrapper

The Interpretations Committee received a request to clarify the accounting for deferred tax in the consolidated financial statements of the parent, when a subsidiary has only one asset within it (the asset inside) and the parent expects to recover the carrying amount of the asset inside by selling the shares in the subsidiary (the shares).

The Interpretations Committee noted that several concerns were raised with respect to the current requirements in IAS 12. However, analysing and assessing these concerns would require a broader project than the Interpretations Committee could perform on behalf of the IASB. Consequently, the Interpretations Committee decided not to take the issue onto its agenda but instead to recommend to the IASB that it should analyse and assess these concerns in its research project on Income Taxes.