

IFRS 5 - Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations (September 2007)

Disclosures

The IFRIC received a request to clarify whether the disclosure requirements of other standards, in the absence of specific exclusion, would apply to noncurrent assets (or disposal groups) classified as held for sale or discontinued operations in accordance with IFRS 5. At the May 2007 IFRIC meeting, the staff presented a paper with two alternative views:

- view A: IFRS 5 and other standards that specifically relate to non-current assets (or disposal groups) classified as held for sale or discontinued operations set out all the disclosures required in respect of those assets or operations. Disclosures required by other standards do not apply to such assets (or disposal groups);
- view B: disclosures required by IFRSs, whose scope does not exclude non-current assets (or disposal groups) classified as held for sale or discontinued operations, continue to apply to such assets (or disposal groups).

The IFRIC believed that this issue could be resolved efficiently through an amendment to clarify IFRS 5 and decided to draw the issue to the attention of the Board rather than taking the item on to its own agenda. The IFRIC also believed that such an amendment should generally reflect view A, but believed that additional disclosures about such assets (or disposal groups) may be necessary to comply with the general requirements of IAS 1 *Presentation of Financial Statements*.