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### **INFORMATION FOR OBSERVERS**

**Board Meeting:** 23 January 2007, London  
**Project:** Intangible Assets  
**Subject:** Cover Note (Agenda paper 3)

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#### **Objective: Input from Board sought**

1. The purpose of the January 2007 session is to:
  - (a) seek the Board's agreement with the timetable for development of an intangible assets agenda proposal (agenda paper 3A);
  - (b) provide input to staff for further developing the draft agenda proposal (agenda paper 3B); and
  - (c) provide input to staff for further developing the associated preliminary technical paper (agenda paper 3C), so far as it addresses initial accounting for internally generated intangible assets.

#### **Attachments**

2. The attachments are:
  - (a) Agenda paper 3A Timetable for Development of an Agenda Proposal – Intangible Assets;
  - (b) Agenda paper 3B Draft Agenda Proposal – Intangible Assets; and

- (c) Agenda paper 3C Draft Preliminary Technical Paper: Intangible Assets – Section 1 Initial Accounting for Internally Generated Intangible Assets.

### **Background**

- 3. At its October 2006 meeting, the Board discussed the scope, approach and timetable of the Intangible Assets Research project, in the context of the Memorandum of Understanding between the FASB and the IASB. The Board decided that the project's objective should be to develop material that will facilitate an agenda decision at the Board's meeting in December 2007 on the scope and timing of an active agenda project addressing the initial accounting for internally generated intangible assets and the subsequent accounting for all intangible assets. Board members observed that these topics have the greatest potential to result in improvements to the present requirements. The project will not encompass the requirements for the initial accounting for intangible assets acquired in a business combination, or the initial and subsequent accounting for goodwill.
- 4. The project proposal team has made substantial progress on a draft agenda proposal and Section 1 of a preliminary paper addressing the technical feasibility of applying the principles for the initial accounting for intangible assets acquired in a business combination to the same type of intangible assets that are internally generated.

### **Next steps**

- 5. The project proposal team intends to develop:
  - (a) Section 2: Initial Accounting for Separately Acquired Intangible Assets of the preliminary paper for consideration by the Board in March 2007; and
  - (b) Section 3: Subsequent Accounting for Intangible Assets of the preliminary paper for consideration by the Board in May 2007.

The May 2007 meeting will also consider an amended agenda proposal and amended Sections 1 and 2 of the preliminary paper.