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INFORMATION FOR OBSERVERS

Board Meeting: 18 June 2008, London

Project: Fair value measurement

Subject: Cover note (Agenda Paper 4)

Agenda papers for this meeting

1 We have prepared the following agenda papers for this meeting:

Agenda Paper No.	Title	Objective
4	Cover note	Outlines the meeting objectives and the next steps on the project
4A	Reviewing the Board's preliminary views in the discussion paper	Seeks to clarify the scope of the project and recommends which issues need to be discussed further and which do not
4B	Excerpt from comment letter summary	For reference, provides an excerpt from the comment letter summary presented to the Board in October 2007
4C	Summary of SFAS 157 and IFRS fair value requirements	For reference, summarises the fair value measurement guidance in SFAS 157 and in IFRSs

Meeting objectives

2 At this meeting, the staff will ask you to confirm the scope of the fair value measurement project. That is, we seek clarification on the direction the staff

should take as a result of the discussions about the Memorandum of Understanding at the IASB-FASB joint meeting in April 2008 (see paragraphs 25-29 of Agenda Paper 3 for that meeting).

- 3 Please note we will **not** discuss at this meeting the specific technical aspects of fair value measurement in IFRSs or in FASB Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157 *Fair Value Measurements* (SFAS 157).
- 4 Agenda Paper 4A contains a table that lists each of the issues raised in the *Fair Value Measurements* discussion paper, the questions asked of respondents, the Board's preliminary view and the staff's recommendation on whether the Board should discuss further a particular issue. At this meeting we will ask you to reaffirm some of the preliminary views expressed in the discussion paper and to agree on which issues to deliberate further.
- 5 There are some issues that the staff suggests you do not deliberate again. However, this does not mean we suggest that the requirements in SFAS 157 should be accepted *as is*. Rather, for some issues the staff thinks the direction taken by the Board in the discussion paper is broadly consistent with the principle in IFRSs and that we can articulate the principle in SFAS 157 in a way that addresses many of the concerns that have been raised **and** be consistent with SFAS 157. Perhaps we can do this by adding additional application guidance to our fair value measurement standard.
- 6 In other words, for the issues we recommend the Board does not deliberate further, we are asking for agreement only that the issue itself does not need to be discussed again. We acknowledge that the way a particular requirement is articulated might need clarification in an exposure draft. For such issues, we plan to present to the Board our suggested wording at a future meeting (eg with sweep issues) or in drafting.

Next steps

- 7 During the remainder of this year, we plan to deliberate the issues recommended in Agenda Paper 4A, hold round-table meetings and begin drafting the exposure draft.

- 8 The Board stated in the discussion paper and in its meeting in October 2007 that it would hold round-table meetings in this project. We expect to hold the round-table discussions in early December 2008. The locations have not yet been determined, but are likely to be in London, Asia and North America.
- 9 At the round-table meetings we plan to present excerpts of the draft exposure draft, based on the outcome of this meeting and the deliberations over the next few months, to get feedback on direction and wording prior to issuing the exposure draft, which is planned for the first half of 2009.