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*These notes are based on the staff papers prepared for the IASB. Paragraph numbers correspond to paragraph numbers used in the IASB papers. However, because these notes are less detailed, some paragraph numbers are not used.*

### **INFORMATION FOR OBSERVERS**

**Board Meeting: May 2008, London**

**Project: IFRS for Small and Medium-sized Entities**

**Subject: Redeliberation of Issues Other than Disclosure and Guidance Issues – Overview (Agenda Paper 9)**

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#### **Objective of Discussion at this Board Meeting**

1. At the March 2008 Board meeting staff presented an overview of the main issues (other than disclosure issues) raised in the comment letters on the Exposure Draft (ED) of a proposed IFRS for SMEs. (See Agenda Paper 4 for that meeting.)
2. At the April 2008 Board meeting staff presented an overview of the main issues that were identified as a result of the programme for field testing the ED. (See Agenda Paper 6 for that meeting.)
3. Both of those meetings were educational in nature, and the staff did not raise any issues for Board decision.
4. The IASB SME Working Group (WG) met on 10-11 April 2008. The recommendations of WG members on each issue (other than disclosure) that was discussed at that meeting are presented in their entirety in Agenda Paper 9D for the May 2008 Board meeting. Recommendations of WG members relating to disclosure will be provided to the Board at a future meeting.
5. The purpose of the discussion at the May 2008 Board meeting is to begin the process of redeliberating the proposals in the ED by addressing the key issues relating to scope, recognition, measurement, and presentation that were raised in the letters of comment on the ED and in the reports prepared by field test entities. Explanations of how staff identified those key issues are set out in Agenda Paper 4

for the March 2008 Board meeting and Agenda Paper 6 for the April 2008 Board meeting and are not be repeated in this agenda paper.

6. For the May 2008 Board meeting, the SME agenda papers are organised as follows:
  - **Agenda Paper 9** – Overview (this agenda paper)
  - **Agenda Paper 9A** – General Issues
  - **Agenda Paper 9B** – Issues Relating to ED Sections 1-10
  - **Agenda Paper 9C** – Issues Relating to ED Sections 11-38. Agenda Paper 9C covers most, but not all, of the issues for ED Sections 11-38, because staff are still forming their recommendations for several of the sections. Staff do not ask the Board to discuss the issues in Agenda Paper 9C at the May 2008 Board meeting. However, staff feel the paper may be useful as Board Members review Agenda Papers 9A and 9B, because some of the issues in 9A and 9B interrelate with the ED sections covered in 9C. Agenda Paper 9C will be updated for the outstanding sections and become an agenda paper for the June 2008 Board meeting.
  - **Agenda Paper 9D** – Recommendations of the Working Group. These recommendations have also been integrated, issue by issue, into Agenda Papers 9A, 9B, and 9C.
7. Agenda Papers 9A, 9B, and 9C organise each of the issues as follows:
  - a. **Comment letters.** Each issue is introduced and described in a paragraph (or paragraphs) titled ‘Comment letters’ using the views from the comment letters that raised that issue.
    - i. General issues that have broader impact than one single section in the ED are numbered sequentially G1, G2, and so on.
    - ii. Issues that relate to a single section in the ED are numbered sequentially by ED section: for example 3.1 would be the first issue for Section 3, and so on.
  - b. **Field tests.** These issues are then supplemented by any related comments made by field testers.
  - c. **WG recommendation.** Where the issue was discussed at the WG meeting, the views and recommendations of the WG members are also provided. These are taken from Agenda Paper 9D.
  - d. **Staff comment.** In some cases, explanatory staff comments have been added before the staff recommendations to clarify the issue or provide helpful information or reference material.
  - e. **Staff recommendation.** A staff recommendation for how to address the issue is stated, together with the pros and cons of that recommendation, if appropriate. The staff recommendation describes the staff’s proposed changes to the ED to address the issue and any consequential changes to other parts of the ED.
  - e. **Board decision.** Finally, the Board is asked to make a decision on the issue presented:

**Question X**

***To facilitate this process, for each issue a question is set out in a box in bold italic type after the staff recommendation.***

As is customary Board practice, the questions are stated in terms of whether the Board agrees with the staff recommendation. Questions have the same number as their related issue and may also be labelled with a letter (A, B, etc) if there is more than one question for a particular issue.

8. Agenda Papers 9A to 9D do not include any disclosure issues. All disclosure issues raised in the comment letters and field test reports will be combined and addressed separately in one or more agenda papers for a future Board meeting. The Working Group is currently completing a report that will provide its recommendations to the Board about disclosures.
9. Agenda Papers 9A to 9D do not include the specific requests from comment letters and field test reports for additional implementation guidance. Staff has developed a list of all requests for additional guidance and is developing recommendations about whether and how such guidance should be provided. Staff plans to bring recommendations about guidance to the Board at a future Board meeting.