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INFORMATION FOR OBSERVERS

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Project: Derecognition Project

(Agenda Paper 5)



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Introduction

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Purpose

To provide an overview of the

- Derecognition project
- Staff's derecognition principle
- Staff's proposed two derecognition models, and
- Project timetable

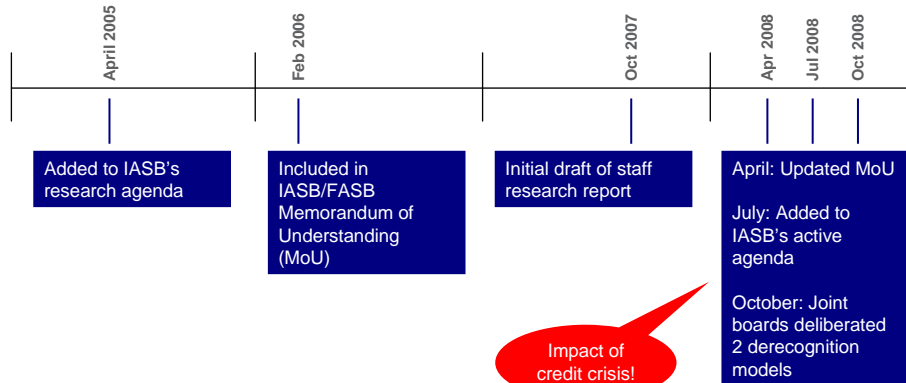
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Derecognition Project

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Milestones



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Derecognition Project

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Backdrop

Added in 2005 to research agenda because

- *Complexity of existing derecognition guidance, and*
- *Opportunity to converge between IFRS and US GAAP*

But: Project is difficult to tackle because

- *Impact of credit crisis (users' requests for more transparency, regulators' requests to improve and converge)*
- *Diversity of views on appropriate derecognition criteria*

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Staff's Derecognition Principle

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We looked to the Framework...

An entity should derecognise a financial asset or component thereof if...

*...it no longer **controls** the underlying economic benefits (cash flows).*

How do we define 'control'?

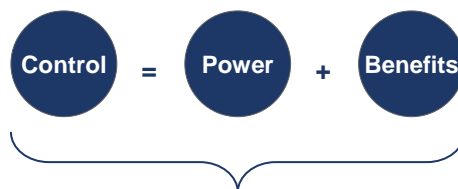
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'Control' is...



An entity should derecognise a financial asset or component thereof if it no longer **has the ability to obtain** the underlying economic benefits (cash flows) **for its own benefit**.

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Staff's Derecognition Models

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Making the Principle Operational...

An entity no longer has the ability to obtain the cash flows underlying a financial asset/component for its own benefit if:

- it is no longer involved in that asset or component after the transfer, or
- the counterparty (transferee) has the practical ability to **transfer** the asset for its own benefit.

Implication: Any readily obtainable FA will qualify for derecognition, *regardless of any other related contracts (eg, repos, forwards, puts, calls, total return swaps)!*

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Staff's Derecognition Models

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Lack of Practical Ability to Transfer – Now What?

Approach 1	Approach 2
Assess whether the transferee can obtain the underlying cash flows by means other than a transfer.	Done. No ability to transfer = no control = no derecognition.

Remember backdrop factors!

Failed sale, but maybe linked presentation

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Project Plan and Timetable

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- Close majority for Approach 2, but boards want the staff to develop both models further over next few months
- Monitor developments of IASB consolidation project and understand interaction with derecognition project
- Coordinate derecognition project with FAS 140 amendment project
- Possibly hold roundtables and other 'fatal flaw' discussions
- Plan to issue ED in 1st half of 2009

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