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Agenda Paper 4

Report of the IFRS Advisory Council Chairman 2009 Activities

Dear Chairman Zalm,

I am pleased to submit my first report of the reconstituted IFRS Advisory Council. Council members represent approximately 50 major organizations, including users, reporting entities, auditors, regulators, academics and standard setting bodies. Africa, Asia/Oceania, Europe and North and South America are represented. This broad representation provides for diverse and widespread feedback on strategic issues relating to the major projects and priorities and the application and implementation of IFRS. Another role of Council is to be effective ambassadors for the promotion of IFRS. Various channels have been introduced to harness this potential, including interactive web-based software, conference calls and questionnaires to enable us to provide our views on a timely basis. To assist us in promoting IFRS, optional education sessions on major technical projects have been introduced which brief Council members on the technical issues. User organization representatives also meet separately, recognizing the importance of involving users in standard-setting. Another session focuses on the special needs of emerging markets. Additional staff resources have also been put in place to support our work.

The Council monitored progress against the current IASB work plan. We are concerned about the burden it places on staff and constituents and have cautioned that the quality and integrity of the standards not be compromised for the sake of speed. We have also monitored and support the IASB's response to the financial crisis, in particular praising the exceptional outreach efforts. Council is, however, disturbed that the IASB and FASB might disagree on this key-critical topic. We also provided our views on certain aspects of the Constitution review, in particular urging a more formal process, including periodic public consultation, on the IASB technical agenda in which the Council would play a central role. Members also expressed the view that, even in crisis situations, due process should include a reasonable opportunity for all constituents to provide input. Looking ahead, we have begun exploring the

strategic considerations that should drive the technical agenda post-2011. We envisage a shift in emphasis from convergence per se to adopting IFRS, allowing constituents to successfully integrate and apply the numerous major new and revised standards coming into effect in the next few years. We will continue this discussion with the Board and Trustees next year.

I am greatly encouraged by the reports of Council members on progress in adopting IFRS and the development of infrastructure, including regional bodies, to foster the consistent interpretation and application of IFRSs. Council members will do what we can to assist these important initiatives.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to my fellow Council members for their assistance and support, especially my Vice Chairmen, Charles Macek and Patrice Marteau, and the staff.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Cherry