

## Summary of the IFRS Taxonomy™ Consultative Group discussions

### The IFRS Taxonomy Consultative Group (ITCG) held a conference call on 17 February 2016.

This note has been prepared by the staff of the International Accounting Standards Board (the Board), and is a summary of the discussions. Recordings of the meeting and related papers are available on the [meeting page](#).

The ITCG discussed:

- the ITCG review of the IFRS 16 *Leases* proposed taxonomy amendments;
- *IFRS Taxonomy Update* for the Amendments to IAS 7 *Statement of Cash Flows*;
- proposed enhancements to the *IFRS Taxonomy Illustrated*; and
- a staff update on the 2015 *Trustees' Review of Structure and Effectiveness*.

### ITCG review—proposed taxonomy amendments for IFRS 16 *Leases*

The staff summarised the comments received from ITCG members and provided feedback:

- an ITCG member had noted that Appendix C to xIFRS was missing. The staff said it would be added.
- some ITCG members had suggested a few changes to element labels. The staff explained that the suggested changes could not be made as the IFRS Taxonomy labels have to follow the terminology used in IFRS Standards.
- some ITCG members had suggested adding elements for additional reporting structures (such as reconciliations) to the IFRS Taxonomy that are not in the Standards. The staff will not consider these suggestions because the IFRS Taxonomy reflects the IFRS Standards and there is no mandate for the IFRS Taxonomy content to include elements reflecting anticipated reporting practice.
- in response to a query from an ITCG member, the staff explained that the IFRS Taxonomy does not follow FRTA<sup>1</sup> rules, in particular for generic links.

The staff stated that the IFRS Taxonomy currently uses text elements to model disclosures permitting cross-referencing to other parts of the financial report. IFRS 16 *Leases* permits the use of such cross-referencing. The staff asked the ITCG members whether any other modelling alternatives such as typed dimensions should be considered. One ITCG member suggested using a text block data type rather than a string data type for cross-referencing.

### IFRS Taxonomy Update for the Amendments to IAS 7 *Statement of Cash Flows*

The staff provided an overview of the differences between the Exposure Draft (ED) and the final version of the Amendments to IAS 7 *Statement of Cash Flows*, focusing on changes that influence the IFRS Taxonomy, including:

- the insertion of a further illustrative example resulted in two additional members being added to the IFRS Taxonomy.
- the final amendment specifies that providing a reconciliation between the opening and closing balances for liabilities arising from financing activities is one way to fulfil the disclosure requirement, whereas this reconciliation was mandatory in the ED. Consequently, the reconciliation elements in the IFRS Taxonomy now have 'example' rather than 'disclosure' references.
- some disclosure requirements about an entity's liquidity that were proposed in the ED were removed. Consequently, these elements have now been deleted from the IFRS Taxonomy.
- some wording was revised, which resulted in minor changes to the IFRS Taxonomy.

<sup>1</sup> Financial Reporting Taxonomies Architecture

The ITCG members were asked to review the proposed taxonomy model for the final amendments by 15 March 2016.

The staff also stated that the *IFRS Taxonomy Update* for the final amendments will be released in April 2016. There is no public consultation on the proposed taxonomy changes, as this amendment is part of a due-process trial where consultation on the IFRS Taxonomy occurred simultaneously with the Exposure Draft of the related IFRS Standard.

## **Proposed enhancements to the *IFRS Taxonomy Illustrated (ITI)***

The staff proposed a number of new features to make the ITI more user-friendly:

1. collapsible extended link roles (ELRs)/groups;
2. customisable columns;
3. frozen ELRs (group headers) in scrolling mode;
4. a new column for documentation labels;
5. tooltips for related documentation labels; and
6. direct navigation to related elements.

The ITCG members were asked to review a prototype ITI including these new features by 15 March 2016. The suggested features could be implemented in the IFRS Taxonomy 2016.

The staff also asked ITCG members to suggest additional ITI improvements. One member recommended introducing a language-choice feature. The staff supported this suggestion while noting that translations are unavailable for documentation labels.

## **Update on the 2015 Trustees' Review of Structure and Effectiveness**

The staff explained that ITCG members' feedback received during the October 2015 ITCG meeting on the IFRS Taxonomy strategy and role of technology has been:

- discussed with the Trustees during their January 2016 meeting (see [meeting summary](#)); and
- summarised in a [paper](#) that will be discussed with the IFRS Advisory Council on 23-24 February 2016.

The Trustees will continue discussions on the IFRS Taxonomy strategy during their May 2016 meeting.