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Project	Amendments to IAS 19 and IFRIC 14		
Paper topic	Due process steps		
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**Introduction**

1. At its April 2017 meeting, the International Accounting Standards Board (the Board) will discuss the IFRS Interpretations Committee's (the Committee) recommendations on the amendments to IAS 19 *Employee Benefits* and IFRIC 14 *IAS 19—The Limit on a Defined Benefit Asset, Minimum Funding Requirements and their Interaction* (see Agenda Paper 12B for this meeting). The proposed amendments to IFRIC 14 and IAS 19 were included in the [Exposure Draft Remeasurement on a Plan Amendment, Curtailment or Settlement/ Availability of a Refund from a Defined Benefit Plan](#).
2. The Committee recommended that the Board finalise the amendments to IFRIC 14 and IAS 19. Subject to the Board's decision to finalise these amendments, we will begin the balloting process.

**Objective**

3. The purpose of this paper is to set out the due process steps that the Board has taken in developing the amendments to IAS 19 and IFRIC 14, and to ask the Board to confirm that it is satisfied that it has complied with the applicable due process requirements.

## Structure of the paper

4. The paper is structured as follows:
  - (a) re-exposure;
  - (b) intention to dissent;
  - (c) proposed timetable for balloting and publication;
  - (d) confirmation of due process steps; and
  - (e) questions for the Board.

## Re-exposure

5. We recommend that the Board does not re-expose the amendments to IAS 19 and IFRIC 14. In making this recommendation, we have considered the requirements in paragraphs 6.25-6.29 of the [IFRS Foundation Due Process Handbook](#).
6. The Interpretations Committee recommends that the Board finalise the proposed amendments, with some drafting changes. The only substantive change recommended to the proposed amendments relates to the transition requirements for the amendments to IAS 19. As outlined in Agenda Paper 12B for this meeting, the Exposure Draft proposed that an entity apply the amendments to IAS 19 retrospectively, subject to providing an exemption for adjustments to the carrying amount of assets outside the scope of IAS 19. The Committee now recommends that an entity apply the amendments to IAS 19 prospectively to plan events occurring on or after the effective date. This change has been proposed to provide transition relief in response to comments from respondents.

## Intention to dissent

7. In accordance with paragraph 6.23 of [IFRS Foundation Due Process Handbook](#), we are asking whether any Board member intends to dissent from the amendments to IAS 19 and IFRIC 14.

## Proposed timetable for balloting and publication

8. We plan to begin the balloting process in May 2017, and expect to issue the amendments to IAS 19 and IFRIC 14 in the third quarter of 2017.

## Confirmation of due process steps

9. In Appendix A to this paper, we have summarised the due process steps taken in developing the amendments to IAS 19 and IFRIC 14. We note that the applicable due process steps to date for the issuance of narrow-scope amendments have been completed.

## Questions for the Board

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1. **Re-exposure**—does the Board agree with the staff recommendation not to re-expose the amendments to IAS 19 and IFRIC 14?
2. **Dissent**—does any Board member intend to dissent from the issuance of the amendments to IAS 19 and IFRIC 14?
3. **Permission to ballot**—is the Board satisfied that it has complied with the applicable due process requirements and that it has undertaken sufficient consultation and analysis to begin the balloting process for the amendments to IAS 19 and IFRIC 14?

## Appendix A—Due process steps

A1. The following table sets out the required due process steps taken by the Board.

<i>Step</i>	<i>Actions</i>
<b>Consideration of information gathered during consultation</b>	
The Board posts all of the comment letters that are received in relation to the Exposure Draft on the project pages.	All comment letters received by the Board (78 comment letters) have been posted <a href="#">here</a> .
Board and Interpretation Committee meetings are held in public, with papers being available for observers. All decisions are made in public sessions.	<p>The Interpretations Committee discussed the feedback received at its meetings in July 2016, September 2016 and March 2017.</p> <p>The Board discussed the comment letter analysis and the recommendations of the Interpretations Committee at its December 2016 meeting. The Board will discuss the remaining matters at its meeting in March 2017 (see Agenda Paper 12B for this meeting)</p> <p>The <a href="#">project webpage</a> has up-to-date information.</p>
Analysis of likely effects of the forthcoming Standard or major amendment, for example, costs or ongoing associated costs.	<p>Because of the narrow scope of the amendments, we have not prepared an effect analysis.</p> <p>The Board has considered the consequences of the narrow-scope amendments. The likely effect of the amendments includes more consistent application of IAS 19 and IFRIC 14 in the situations addressed by the amendments.</p>
<b>Finalisation</b>	
Due process steps are reviewed by the Board.	This step will be met by this Agenda Paper.
Need for re-exposure of a Standard is considered.	Analysis of the need to re-expose is included in the main body of this paper.
The Board sets an effective date for the Standard, considering the need for effective implementation, generally providing at least one year.	Analysis of the effective date is included in Agenda Paper 12B for this meeting.
<b>Drafting</b>	
Drafting quality assurance steps are adequate.	<p>The translations, taxonomy and editorial teams will review drafts during the balloting process.</p> <p>We will perform an editorial review of the pre-ballot draft with some external parties, including Committee members.</p> <p>The pre-ballot draft will be made available to members of the International Forum of Accounting Standard Setters.</p>

Publication	
Press release to announce the final Standard.	A press release will be published with the final amendments.
A Feedback Statement is provided which provides high level executive summaries of the Standard and explains how the Board has responded to the comments received.	Not considered necessary because these amendments are narrow in scope.
Standard is published.	The final amendments will be made available on our website when published.