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Project	IASB update			
Paper topic	Follow up on issues discussed at the October 2017 Global Preparers Forum (GPF) meeting			
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The purpose of the session

1. This paper provides a brief, high-level update to the Global Preparers Forum (GPF)¹ on how the International Accounting Standards Board (Board) or the staff considered the advice received during the GPF meeting held in October 2017. It is for information only.

Information about the Global Preparers Forum (GPF) is available at http://www.ifrs.org/groups/global-preparers-forum/

¹ Information about the GPF's past meetings (including detailed notes from the meetings) can be found at http://www.ifrs.org/groups/global-preparers-forum/#meetings.

Update on advice received at the October 2017 GPF meeting

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Exposure Draft Property, Plant and Equipment – Proceeds before Intended Use The staff sought feedback on the proposed amendments to IAS 16 Property, Plant and Equipment (ED) published in June 2017.	GPF members expressed mixed views on the proposed amendments to IAS 16. Some agreed with the proposed amendments; some disagreed; some questioned the benefits noting that, in their experience, proceeds from testing and other activities before an item of PP&E is available for use are generally not material. GPF members provided comments on the industries affected, the allocation of costs between the cost of inventory for items sold and the cost of the PP&E, and the definition of testing activities.	The Board considered the comments from GPF members, together with comments received in comment letters and from ASAF members, at its December 2017 meeting—agenda paper 12D ³ .
Exposure Draft Definition of Material The purpose of this session was to inform the GPF members about the proposals included in the Exposure	GPF members generally agreed with the Board's intention to align and refine the definition of material (definition) in IFRS Standards and the <i>Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting (Conceptual Framework)</i> , although some	The comments received from the GPF members will form part of the feedback received on the Exposure Draft. This will be

² For the details on the feedback received from GPF, please follow this link http://www.ifrs.org/news-and-events/calendar/2017/october/global-preparers-forum/

 $[\]underline{^{3}\,To\,access\,the\,paper\,follow\,this\,link:\,http://www.ifrs.org/-/media/feature/meetings/2017/december/international-accounting-standards-board/ap12d-ias-16.pdf}$

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Draft published in September 2017 and seek their initial comments.	GPF members expressed concerns about the practical implications of some proposed changes to the definition.	presented to the Board at its April 2018 Board Meeting.
Exposure Draft Accounting Policies and Accounting Estimates (Proposed amendments to IAS 8) The purpose of this session was to gather GPF members' feedback on the proposals in the Exposure Draft published in September 2017.	Overall, GPF members tentatively supported the proposals in the Exposure Draft and said that it would provide clarity on the distinction between accounting policies and accounting estimates. In addition, they raised some detailed comments and clarifications.	The comments received from the GPF members will form part of the feedback received on the Exposure Draft. This will be presented to the Board at its March 2018 Board Meeting.