

## **Report of the IFRS Foundation® Due Process Oversight Committee Meeting by Conference Call**

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This conference call of the DPOC was recorded, and the recording is available on the IFRS Foundation website. The key matters in the public session were as follows.

### **1. IBOR Reform - Comment letter period for proposed narrow-scope amendments to IFRS 9 and IAS 39**

The DPOC discussed and approved a shortened comment period for the forthcoming Exposure Draft *IBOR Reform and its Effects on Financial Reporting*. They noted that in accordance with paragraph 6.7 of the *Due Process Handbook* (Handbook), the IASB normally allows a minimum period of 120 days for comment on an Exposure Draft. If the matter is narrow in scope and urgent the IASB may consider a comment period of no less than 30 days, but it will only set a period of less than 120 days after consulting, and obtaining approval from, the DPOC.

The DPOC noted that the Exposure Draft will propose narrow-scope amendments to IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments* and IAS 39 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement* to address current uncertainties arising out of IBOR reform. They agreed that the proposal met the requirements for a shortened comment period. They were informed that the staff planned to recommend to the Board a comment period of 45 days, given the importance of the timely finalisation of the amendments, but requested the DPOC to approve a comment period of no less than 30 days in case the Board decided on a period shorter than 45 days.

On that basis the DPOC agreed that the Board could publish the Exposure Draft with a comment period of no less than 30 days.

### **2. Review of the *Due Process Handbook* - Educational Material**

The DPOC discussed proposed refinements to the requirements in the Handbook relating to publicly available educational material designed to support the application of IFRS Standards. They agreed to propose modifications to the Handbook to refine the existing categories of educational material and the level of review required for each of those categories as follows:

- high-level summaries of the requirements in an IFRS Standard, such as an introductory webcast on a new IFRS Standard to be reviewed by one Board member;
- more detailed materials explaining the requirements in an IFRS Standard, such as a webcast on specific aspects of an IFRS Standard to be reviewed by two Board members; and

- material explaining or illustrating how the requirements in an IFRS Standard might be applied in particular transactions or other circumstances to be reviewed by three Board members.

### **3. *Due Process Handbook* review Invitation to Comment**

The DPOC noted that they had now approved all the proposed amendments to the Handbook and that the next step would be to publish the draft for comment. They discussed the proposed timetable for the review and agreed that, subject to comments received on the Invitation to Comment, they should seek to complete the review in Q1 rather than (as originally planned) Q3 2020.

They unanimously agreed to publish the draft Handbook and Invitation to Comment, subject to any further editorial comments, in April.