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Agenda paper 2

## Update on the Board's activities

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## Update on the Board's work plan—contents

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## Executive summary

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# Significant developments since the last meeting



## Significant developments since the last meeting



#### Arrivals

- Andreas Barckow, Chair
- Bertrand Perrin, Member

Hans Hoogervorst, ChairMartin Edelmann, Member

**Departures** 

• Francoise Flores, Member

\* Currently two of the 14 Board member positions are vacant

#### **Consultation documents published**

- 1. Exposure Draft Management Commentary
- 2. Exposure Draft Subsidiaries without Public Accountability: Disclosures
- 3. Exposure Draft Initial application of IFRS 17 and IFRS 9—Comparative Information



## Significant developments since the last meeting

#### Projects added to the work plan

- 1. Initial application of IFRS 17 and IFRS 9—Comparative Information
- 2. Classification of Debt with Covenants as Current or Non-current
- 3. Supplier Finance Arrangements

#### **Other updates**

- 1. Held annual IFRS Foundation conference with nearly 300 delegates from over 40 jurisdictions
- 2. Held joint IASB-FASB education meeting, covering supplier finance, agenda consultation and goodwill and impairment
- 3. Extended to 12 January 2022 the comment period for the Exposure Draft *Disclosure Requirements in IFRS Standards—A Pilot Approach*
- 4. Engaged in Trustee sustainability work to facilitate connectivity with the IASB



# Snapshot of what's on the horizon



## **Consultations in progress**



## **Forthcoming consultations**

Project	Next steps
Post-implementation Review of IFRS 9 – Classification and Measurement	Request for Information expected Q3 2021
Supplier Finance Arrangements	Exposure Draft expected Q4 2021
Classification of Debt with Covenants as Current or Non- current	Exposure Draft expected Q4 2021



## **Current and upcoming redeliberations**

Research projects					
Post-	implementation Review of IFRS 10, IFRS 11 and IFRS 12	Equity Method			
Early stage Pension Benefits that Depend on Asset Returns					
	Extractive Activities	Dynamic Risk Manage	ement		
Busi	ness Combinations under Common Control	Goodwill and Impairment			
Standard-setting projects					
Later stage (closer to final amendment)	Financial Instruments with Characteristics of Equity	Second Review of the IFRS for SMEs Standard			
	Primary Financial Statements	Rate-regulated Activities			
Narrow-scope projects					
Lease	Liability in a Sale and Leaseback	Lack of Exchangeability	10 <b>🕸   F</b>		

## Requirements coming into effect soon

#### 1 January 2022

*Property, Plant and Equipment:* Proceeds before Intended Use (Amendments to IAS 16)

Reference to the Conceptual Framework (Amendments to IFRS 3)

**Onerous Contracts**— Cost of Fulfilling a Contract (Amendments to IAS 37)

Annual Improvements to IFRS Standards 2018–2020

#### 1 January 2023

Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current (Amendments to IAS 1)\*

**IFRS 17** Insurance Contracts (amended June 2020)

Definition of Accounting Estimates

Disclosure of Accounting Policies

Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction (Amendments to IAS 12)

\* Deferral to 1 January 2024 proposed





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## Detailed descriptions

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## Consultations in progress



## Disclosure Initiative—Targeted Standards-level Review of Disclosures

Mar 2017	Mar 2021	Mar 2021– Jan 2022	Q2 2022	2022	
Discussion Paper Disclosure Initiative—		Consultation period	Discussion of feedback summary	Board redeliberations	, ,
Principles of Disclosure	es				



 Improve the Board's approach to developing disclosure requirements in a way that enables companies to enhance their judgement and provide more decision-useful information for investors

#### Main proposals

- New approach for the Board to use when developing and drafting disclosure requirements in IFRS Standards (proposed Guidance)
- Replace disclosure requirements in IFRS 13 *Fair Value Measurement* and IAS 19 *Employee Benefits* with a new set of disclosure requirements developed applying the proposed Guidance
- B

Focus compliance on detailed disclosure objectives rather than prescriptive requirements, thus requiring companies to apply judgement



## **Management Commentary**



#### Features of the proposals

Focus on information needs of **investors** and **creditors** 

2 Disclosure objectives + supporting guidance

Would bring together in one report financial, sustainability and
 other information about matters fundamental to entity's long-term prospects



Overhaul IFRS Practice Statement 1 to provide a **comprehensive framework** for preparing management commentary—building on recent developments in narrative reporting

**Objective** 

## Subsidiaries without Public Accountability: Disclosures



#### **Features of the proposals**

Sets out **reduced disclosure requirements** for eligible subsidiaries in their stand-alone financial statements

- 2 A voluntary standard forming part of the IFRS Standards
- Would reduce costs for preparers and maintain usefulness of the financial statements



To permit eligible subsidiaries to apply the disclosure requirements in the draft Standard and the recognition, measurement and presentation requirements in IFRS Standards.

**Objective** 

## **Third Agenda Consultation**



#### Objective of the agenda consultation

To seek views on

- the strategic direction and balance of the IASB's activities
- the criteria for assessing the priority of financial reporting issues that could be added to the work plan
- new financial reporting issues that could be given priority in the IASB's work plan



## Initial Application of IFRS 17 and IFRS 9— Comparative Information (Amendment to IFRS 17)





**1** Optional 'classification overlay'

than its predecessor IAS 39)

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**B** 

Relates only to comparative information presented on initial application of IFRS 17 and IFRS 9 by insurance companies

Enables companies to present comparative information about

particular financial assets in a manner consistent with IFRS 9 (rather

possible accounting mismatches in the prior periods presented on initial application of IFRS 17 and IFRS 9

**Objective** 

companies to resolve

Enable insurance

18 **8 IFRS** 

## Forthcoming consultations



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## Post-implementation Review of IFRS 9— Classification and Measurement

#### **Objective**

- Opportunity to assess effect of new requirements on investors, preparers and auditors
- Review considers the issues that were important during development and issues that came to the attention of the IASB after publication

#### **Topics covered by the Post-implementation Review Financial assets Financial liabilities Other topics** Modifications to contractual Business model and SPPI Presentation of own credit • cash flows gains and losses Fair value changes in equity investments **Transition to IFRS 9**

#### Next milestone

**Request for Information** 



## **Supplier Finance Arrangements**

#### Objective

Provide information that would help investors determine the effects of supplier finance arrangements on a company's liabilities and cash flows.

#### Approach

- **Explain** the type of arrangements to be included within the scope of the proposed amendments
- Add **qualitative and quantitative disclosure** requirements for supplier finance arrangements to meet overall and specific disclosure objectives
- Add supplier finance arrangements as an example within the existing liquidity risk disclosure requirements in IFRS 7

#### **Next milestone**

Exposure Draft expected Q4 2021



## Classification of Debt with Covenants as Current or Non-Current (IAS 1)

#### Objective

Improve the information about liabilities with covenants provided through classification (as current or non-current), presentation and disclosure in financial statements

#### Approach

- Specify that, when classifying a liability as current or non-current, an entity considers compliance only
  with covenants required on or before the reporting date. In other words, an entity could still classify a
  liability as non-current even if, based on its circumstances at the reporting date, it would not comply
  with covenants that will be required after the reporting date
- Add presentation and disclosure requirements for non-current liabilities subject to covenants
- Clarify situations in which an entity **does not have a right to defer settlement**

#### **Next milestone**

Exposure draft expected Q4 2021



## Current and upcoming redeliberations

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## **Research projects**



## Post-implementation Review of IFRS 10, IFRS 11 and IFRS 12



## **Equity method**

#### Objective

• Assess whether application questions with the equity method as set out in IAS 28 Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures can be addressed in consolidated and individual financial statements by identifying and explaining the principles of IAS 28

#### **Project plan**

- Identify application questions in the equity method and decide which of these problems to address
- Address application questions by identifying and explaining the principles that underlie IAS 28

#### Next steps

Review list of application questions and decide project direction



### Pension benefits that depend on asset returns Extractive activities

Pension Benefits that Depend on Asset Returns



Objective

Decide whether and how to address a perceived inconsistency in the measurement of a defined benefit obligation when the amount of benefits varies with the return of a specified pool of assets

#### **Extractive Activities**



#### Objective

Gather evidence to decide whether to start a project to replace or amend IFRS 6 *Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources* 



## **Dynamic Risk Management**

#### Objective

Develop an accounting model that will better reflect a company's dynamic risk management process in the financial statements. The process involves understanding and managing the amount, timing and uncertainty caused by interest rate risks

#### **Core model**

Derivatives

Asset profile

Target profile

- When **derivatives** are successful in aligning the **asset profile** with the **target profile**, changes in fair value of such derivatives are deferred in OCI and reclassified to the statement of profit or loss over time
- Assuming perfect alignment, the results reported in the statement of profit or loss should reflect the company's target profile

#### Next steps

Redeliberation of key issues identified in the outreach



## **Business Combinations under Common Control**





- Fill a 'gap' in IFRS Standards
- Give investors the information they need without imposing unnecessary costs on companies

#### **Preliminary views**

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- Specify which method should be applied in which circumstances to reduce diversity in practice and improve transparency in reporting
- Use the acquisition method set out in IFRS 3 *Business Combinations* for combinations that affect investors outside the group, including all combinations by companies whose shares are publicly traded
  - Use a **book-value method** to be specified in IFRS Standards in all other cases such as group restructurings involving wholly-owned subsidiaries



## **Goodwill and Impairment**

2013–2015 2	015–2019	Q1 2020	Q2–Q4 2020	Q2–Q3 2021
	velopment of Discussion Paper	Discussion Paper published	Consultation period	Feedback summary and initial analysis
	Preliminar	y views		
Objective	1 disc	lose the performance	bjectives for acquisition against those objective ents to existing standa	
<ul> <li>Improve information companies provide</li> </ul>		ain impairment-only m plify impairment test	odel for goodwill	
about their acquisitions			quity excluding goodw n of intangibles separa	



## **Standard-setting projects**



## **Financial Instruments with Characteristics of Equity**

#### Purpose

- Improve the information that companies provide in their financial statements about financial instruments that they have issued
- Address challenges with applying IAS 32 *Financial Instruments: Presentation*

#### Approach

- Explore clarifying IAS 32 classification principles (rather than rewriting IAS 32) to address practice issues (eg classification of financial instruments settled in the issuer's own equity instruments)
- Provide classification guidance and illustrative examples
- Improve presentation and disclosure

#### **Next milestone**

Exposure Draft



## Second Review of the IFRS for SMEs Standard



- **Objective**
- Update the IFRS for SMEs Standard for new requirements in IFRS Standards that are in the scope of the review

#### Approach

- Apply alignment approach to decide how to update the *IFRS for* SMEs Standard
- The alignment approach uses the principles of relevance to SMEs, simplicity and faithful representation, including the assessment of costs and benefits, to identify possible amendments



## **Primary Financial Statements**





**Objective** 

- Improve communication • in financial statements
- Focus on information included in the statement of profit or loss

#### **1** Require additional **defined subtotals** in statement of profit or loss

- **2** Strengthen requirements for **disaggregating information**
- **B** Require disclosures about **management performance measures**



## **Rate-regulated Activities**

2014	2015–2020	Jan 2021	Jul 2021	H2 2021	
Discussion Paper	Development of Exposure Draft	Exposure Draft published	Consultation period ends	Discussion of feedback summary	



#### Objective

 Provide information about the effects of regulatory income, regulatory expense, regulatory assets and regulatory liabilities on companies' financial performance and financial position

#### Main proposals

- Require recognition of regulatory assets, regulatory liabilities, regulatory income and regulatory expense
- 2 Reflect **compensation** for goods or services supplied as part of a company's reported financial performance for the period in which it supplies those goods or services
- Measure regulatory assets and regulatory liabilities using a cash-flow-based measurement technique



## Narrow-scope projects





## Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback





**Objective** 

Improve the measurement • requirements for sale and leaseback transactions particularly those with variable payments

#### **Proposed amendment to IFRS 16** *Leases*





Specify subsequent measurement requirements for the lease liability in a sale and leaseback transaction



## Lack of Exchangeability



#### **Proposed Amendments to IAS 21**

**Objective** 

- Improve usefulness of information provided by requiring a consistent approach to determining whether a currency is exchangeable into another currency and the exchange rate to use when it is not
- Specify when exchangeability between two currencies is lacking and how to make that assessment
- 2 Estimate the spot exchange rate when exchangeability is lacking

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Disclose how the lack of exchangeability affects, or is expected to affect, the entity's financial performance, financial position, and cash flows



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