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Project Amendments to Greenhouse Gas Emissions Disclosures

Topic Overview of the proposed amendments and outreach plan

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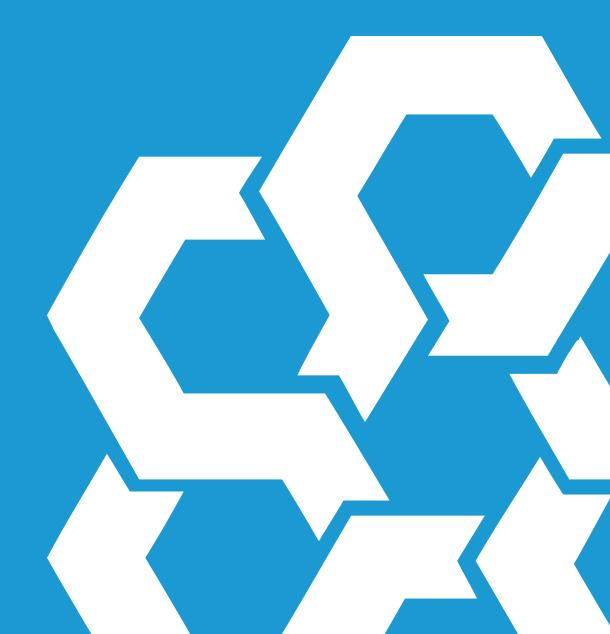
- Provide an overview of the proposed targeted amendments to IFRS S2
- Inform SSAF members about consultation objectives

### Questions for SSAF members

- Do you have any questions or comments on the materials presented in this paper?
- Do you have any questions or comments about the consultation objectives?



# Overview of the proposed amendments





## Why is the ISSB proposing amendments to IFRS S2?

### **Application challenges**

Supporting IFRS S1 and IFRS S2 implementation is the ISSB's highest priority

- The Transition
   Implementation Group on IFRS S1 and IFRS S2 (TIG)
   was established to support implementation
- Application challenges
   were identified through the
   TIG and ISSB's other
   engagement activities

## Amendment criteria for application challenges

Application challenges were referred to the ISSB

Amendments are considered if:

- there is demonstrated need for amendment
- they would <u>not</u> result in significant loss of useful information
- they would <u>not</u> unduly disrupt implementation and adoption of the Standards

## Proposed amendments to IFRS S2

The ISSB agreed:

- the proposed amendments met the criteria
- to act on a timely basis to propose the amendments

The proposed amendments:

- are targeted
- respond to market needs identified during implementation
- are not focused on reducing what is required to be disclosed



## What is the ISSB proposing?

The proposed amendments are targeted toward aspects of GHG emissions disclosures and provide reliefs to existing requirements in IFRS S2

The ISSB considered the **perspectives of multiple stakeholder** groups in developing the amendments



## Providing application support to companies

- Make it easier and reduce related costs to apply IFRS S2
- Optional reliefs that entities can choose to apply



## Minimising disruption to jurisdictions

Optional reliefs that jurisdictions can choose to make available — without affecting their degree of alignment with ISSB Standards



## Keeping investors' needs in focus

Ensure the usefulness of sustainability-related financial information provided by companies

No fundamental change in disclosures



# What disclosure requirements do the proposed amendments relate to?



Measurement and disclosure of Scope 3 Category 15 GHG emissions 2

Use of Global
Industry
Classification
System (GICS) for
specific financed
emissions
disclosures

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Jurisdictional relief from using the GHG Protocol Corporate Standard\*



Applicability of the jurisdictional relief for global warming potential (GWP) values

<sup>\*</sup> The Greenhouse Gas Protocol: A Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard (2004) is referred to as the 'GHG Protocol Corporate Standard' for brevity





# Measurement and disclosure of Scope 3 Category 15 GHG emissions



#### **Application challenge**

Clarity related to the scope of emissions included in disclosure due to the perceived misalignment between requirements:

- to measure and disclose Scope 3 Category 15 GHG emissions—as a part of Scope 3 GHG emissions disclosure (IFRS S2.29(a)(i)(3)); and
- to disclose additional information about financed emissions (IFRS S2.B58–B63)

### **Proposed amendment**



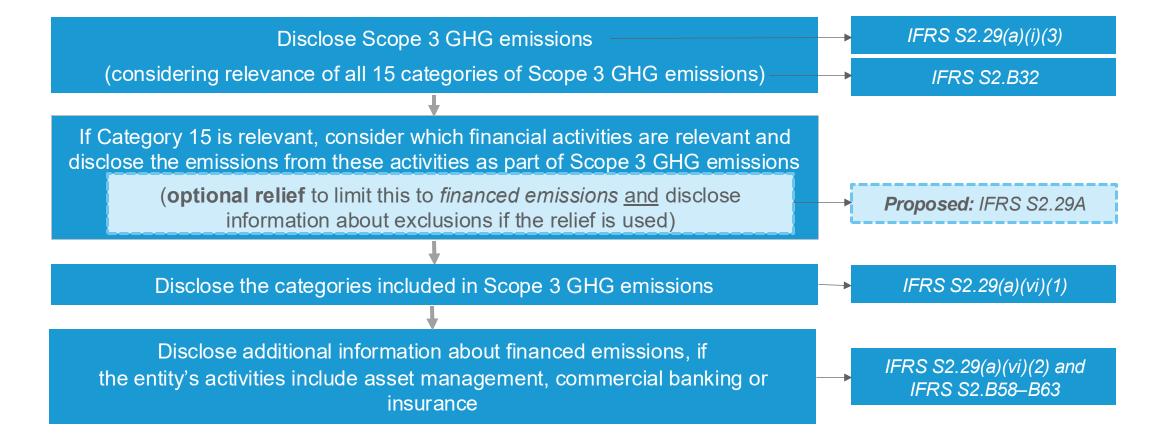
Permit an entity to limit its measurement and disclosure of Scope 3 Category 15 GHG emissions to *financed emissions*, thus allowing an entity to exclude emissions associated with:

- derivatives; and
- other financial activities (for example, facilitated emissions or insurance-associated emissions)

An entity applying this relief would be required to disclose information about the magnitude of derivatives and financial activities associated with excluded Scope 3 Category 15 GHG emissions.



# 1 Measurement and disclosure of Scope 3 Category 15 GHG emissions





# Measurement and disclosure of Scope 3 Category 15 GHG emissions

#### IFRS S2.29(a)(i)(3)

Disclose Scope 3 GHG emissions, including Category 15 if relevant

### **Category 15 GHG emissions**

Financed emissions

Facilitated emissions

Insuranceassociated emissions

Proposed: IFRS S2.29A

An entity may limit its measurement and disclosure of Scope 3 Category 15 GHG emissions to **financed emissions**. For the purposes of the limitation, **derivatives are excluded**.

An entity applying this relief would be required to disclose information about the magnitude of derivatives and financial activities associated with excluded Scope 3 Category 15 GHG emissions.





### Use of GICS for specific financed emissions disclosures



### **Application challenge**

Legal and cost implications related to the requirement to use GICS for classifying counterparties when disclosing disaggregated financed emissions by industry (IFRS S2.B62–B63)

### **Proposed amendment**



Retain requirement to disaggregate information using an industry-classification system, but limit the requirement to use GICS to specific circumstances—when GICS is already being used by an entity—and specify alternative industry-classification systems required in other circumstances.

An entity would be required to disclose the industry-classification system it uses to disaggregate its financed emissions information and to explain the basis for selection, if using an alternative industry-classification system.



## 2 Use of GICS for specific financed emissions disclosures



<sup>\*</sup> Jurisdictional or exchange requirements are referred to as 'jurisdictional requirement' for brevity





# Jurisdictional relief from using the GHG Protocol Corporate Standard



### **Application challenge**

Lack of clarity about whether the jurisdictional relief (IFRS S2.29(a)(ii)) is available when a jurisdictional requirement\* to measure GHG emissions using a method other than the GHG Protocol Corporate Standard only applies to a part of an entity.



#### **Proposed amendment**

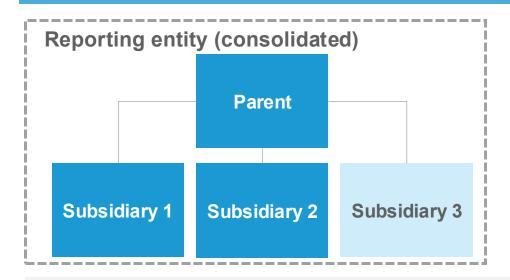
Clarify that the relief is available when a jurisdictional requirement applies to an entity, in whole or in part.

Clarify that the relief would only apply to the part of the entity subject to such a jurisdictional requirement.

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# Jurisdictional relief from using the GHG Protocol Corporate Standard



#### Example

The reporting entity prepares sustainability-related financial disclosures applying ISSB Standards.

**Subsidiary 3** is required by a jurisdiction to provide GHG emissions information. This jurisdictional requirement mandates Subsidiary 3 to use a specific method for measuring GHG emissions that is not the GHG Protocol Corporate Standard.

Applying the jurisdictional relief from using the GHG Protocol Corporate Standard, the entity could use the following methods for measuring its GHG emissions:

- for Subsidiary 3—specific method in accordance with the jurisdictional requirement, as proposed to be permitted under IFRS S2
- for the other parts of the entity—GHG Protocol Corporate Standard, in accordance with IFRS S2





### Applicability of the jurisdictional relief for GWP values



### **Application challenge**

Duplicative reporting and increased costs for entities subject to a jurisdictional requirement to use GWP values other than the GWP values required by IFRS S2.B21–B22, to convert the seven constituent GHG emissions into CO<sub>2</sub> equivalents.



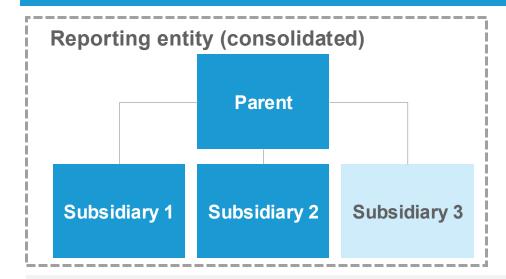
#### **Proposed amendment**

Extend the jurisdictional relief in IFRS S2 such that it would permit an entity to use the GWP values required by a jurisdiction to convert the seven constituent GHG emissions to CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent values for the part of the entity subject to such a jurisdictional requirement when applying IFRS S2.





### Applicability of the jurisdictional relief for GWP values



#### Example

The reporting entity prepares sustainability-related financial disclosures applying ISSB Standards.

**Subsidiary 3** is required by a jurisdiction to provide GHG emissions information. This jurisdictional requirement mandates Subsidiary 3 to use GWP values from the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) for converting the seven constituent greenhouse gases into a CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent value.

Applying the proposed jurisdictional relief related to GWP values, the entity could measure its GHG emissions using GWP values as follows:

- for Subsidiary 3—GWP values from AR5, in accordance with the jurisdictional requirement, as proposed to be permitted under IFRS S2
- for the other parts of the entity—GWP values based on a 100-year time horizon from the latest
   IPCC assessment available at the reporting date\*, in accordance with IFRS S2

<sup>\*</sup>Currently, the Sixth Assessment Report is the latest IPCC assessment



## Next steps

### **Comment period opens**

Release of Exposure Draft

Amendments to Greenhouse Gas

Emissions Disclosures including
the Basis for Conclusions

## **Comment period** ends

Last day to submit comments via survey response or comment letter

#### Final amendments

Aiming to complete the project in 2025

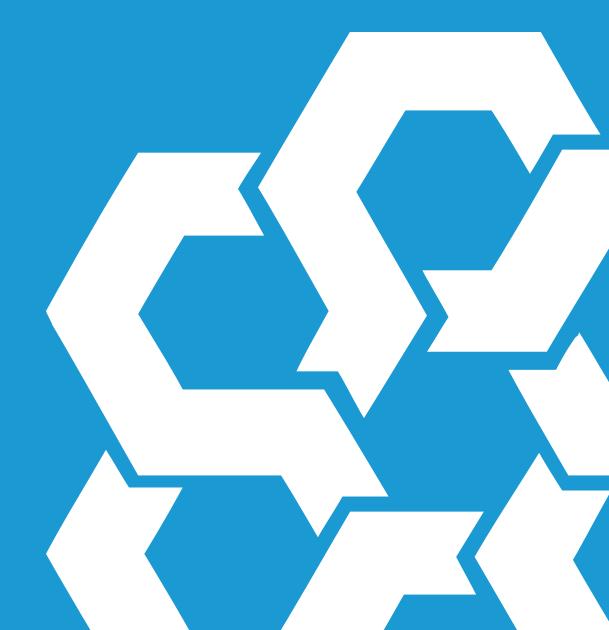
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Find the Exposure Draft and submit comments on the *Amendments to Greenhouse Gas Emissions Disclosures (Amendments to IFRS S2)* project page of the IFRS Foundation website.



## Planned outreach activities





## Outreach objectives

### **Main objectives**

Inform and raise awareness about the proposed amendments to:

- encourage stakeholders to respond to the Exposure Draft
- inform stakeholders about the proposed amendments to promote high-quality and informed responses to the Exposure Draft

### **Secondary objective**

Raise awareness about the ISSB's activities to support the implementation of IFRS S1 and IFRS S2



## Outreach plan

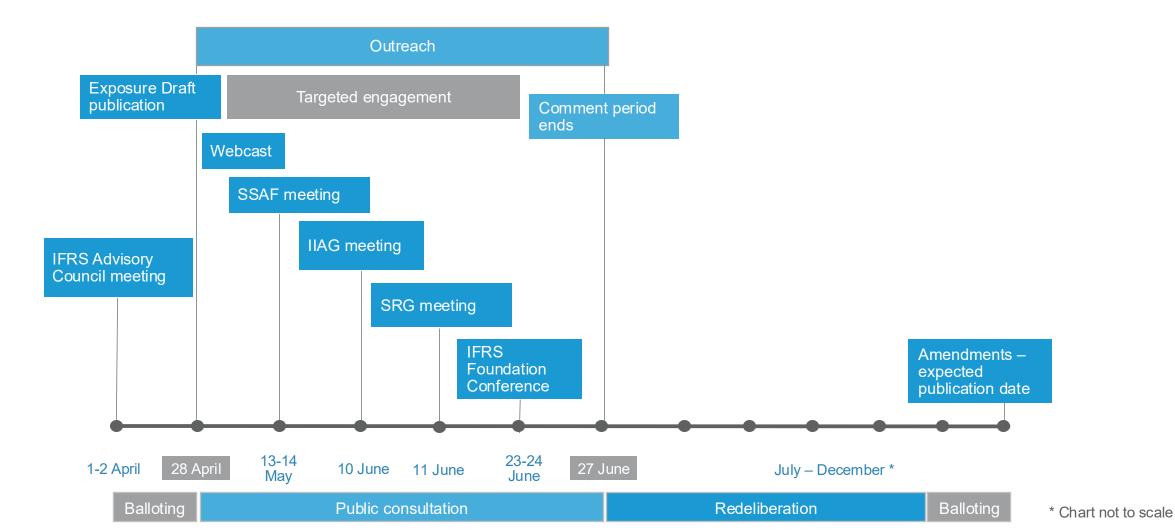
**Proactive and intentional outreach approach** to raise awareness and elicit high-quality stakeholder responses on the Exposure Draft

### Two-pronged approach focused on:

- 1) Leveraging existing stakeholder engagement
  - a) Ongoing stakeholder engagement activities
  - b) Advisory bodies and other groups (including TIG, SSAF and IIAG)
  - c) Events organised by IFRS Foundation and stakeholders
- 2) Targeted engagement activities focusing on stakeholders who are more likely to be affected by the proposed amendments



### Planned outreach activities





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