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Dear Patrina

Draft Technical Correction 1 – Proposed Amendments to IAS 21

The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) is pleased to have the opportunity to comment on this consultation. CIMA is a global professional body representing accountants in business. CIMA represents over 65,000 members and 85,000 students in 156 countries. CIMA is committed to high quality, global, principle-based, neutral financial reporting standards and supports the widespread adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards.

We are concerned that this first draft technical correction has been published before the consultation process has been completed in respect to the IASB's technical correction policy. This is unlikely to enhance the image of the IASB's procedures and is particularly detrimental at a time when questions are still being asked in Europe about the Board's due process arrangements.

In addition, we are not convinced that the change described in DTC1 fits the definition of a technical correction in the draft policy. The words that are being deleted from IAS 21 do seem to be very clear and it is difficult to understand how they could not have properly conveyed the Board's intention at the time or have yielded unexpected consequences. We believe that the change proposed is more in the nature of a correction of a minor error.

Nevertheless, we believe that the amendment proposed is sensible and we support the Board's intention to use the technical correction procedure to make the change. From a procedural point of view, we suggest that the Board revisits its definition of a technical correction to allow the inclusion of corrections of minor errors.

We have put a hard-copy of this letter in the post to you today and would be pleased to discuss with you any aspect of this letter that you may wish to raise with us.

Yours sincerely

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