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CONSULTATION PAPER ON “STRENGTHENING IASB’s DELIBERATIVE PROCESSES”

The Malaysian Accounting Standards Board appreciates the opportunity to offer its views on your Consultation Paper *“Strengthening IASB’s Deliberative Processes”*

Having reviewed the consultative paper, we support the efforts of the IASB in initiating an internal review of the deliberative procedures and believe that the various measures taken are steps in the right direction in enhancing the credibility, accessibility and transparency of accounting standards setting process as well as IASB’s commitment to intensive consultation on future work programme.

An important component in the deliberative process is a mechanism where responses to queries raised by national standard setters can be made effectively and in a timely manner. Very often, national standard setters are confronted with queries from constituents seeking clarification on the rationale for provisions in the standards that are not explained in the basis for conclusion or in any other IASB documents. This is an area where national standard setters such as MASB would require timely assistance from the IASB to be able to effectively address the enquiries. Whilst technical resource at the international body is understandable, the inability to adequately provide satisfactory explanation to local constituents regarding the rationale for certain provisions will undermine efforts to obtain public support locally and to promote the use of IASB Standards to constituents.



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In the absence of explanations of the spirit behind certain decisions, it will be difficult for the national standard setters to gain wider acceptance of its standards by the constituents. It is in this Important area that we seek your cooperation as we move more expeditiously towards developing a set of global financial reporting standards.

We appreciate if you consider a proper mechanism to address this issue in light of greater involvement of constituents in the global standard setting due process in the future.

Should you require further information, please contact Dr Nordin, the technical director of MASB, via e-mail at nordin@masb.org.my

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zainal Putih', written in a cursive style.

Dato' Zainal Abidin Putih
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