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To: Analysts, investors and users of financial reports

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON DISCLOSURES IN FINANCIAL REPORTS

The International Accounting Standards Board (Board) and Hong Kong Institute of CPAs (HKICPA) invite analysts, investors and users of financial reports to have a say in what constitutes better communication in financial reports.

Background

'Quality vs Quantity' is an expression often heard from investors discussing the topic of disclosures in financial reports. Three main concerns about disclosures were observed:

- not enough relevant information;
- irrelevant information or disclosure overload; and
- poor communication of disclosures.

To address these concerns, the Board published the Discussion Paper [Disclosure Initiative: Principles of Disclosure](#), which proposes disclosure principles that aim to improve communication in financial reports.

These principles could change the way a company presents its financial reports, and therefore impact the way you assess a company's financial information.

Better Communication: what do analysts and investors need?

Information in financial reports should be relevant to users, as well as faithfully represent the financial situation of a company.

Your views as users of financial reports are important, in particular, on:

- what constitutes effective communication in the financial reports;
- what constitutes fair presentation of performance measures such as EBITDA;
- when, where and how IFRS® and non-IFRS information should be disclosed.

If you would like a say in the way financial information is reported in the future, join the staff of the IASB and HKICPA, and other users of financial reports in a discussion on the proposed disclosure principles.

Details of the roundtable

Date: 5 September, Tuesday
Time: 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm (Lunch will be provided)
Venue: HKICPA Boardroom, 37/F, Wu Chung House,
213 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong

The agenda and discussion material will be provided closer to the date.

To register, email outreachhk@hkcipa.org.hk your name, organisation and contact details.

EDUCATION SESSION ON NEW MAJOR STANDARDS

In 2018, financial reports are expected to look different because of two new major accounting standards impacting revenue and financial instruments.

The Head of Investor Engagement of the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) will hold an education session for Hong Kong analysts, investors and users of financial reports to explain the major impact.

Revenue IFRS 15 <i>Revenue from Contracts with Customers</i>	Financial instruments IFRS 9 <i>Financial Instruments</i>
Key impact Changes to the timing and amounts of revenues recognized for various industries.	Key impact Companies will have to recognize future expected credit losses of financial assets—starting from when they first lend money or invest in a financial instrument.
Agenda items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Key facts about the new standard ● Impact to revenue recognized for different industry sectors ● Changes to timing and amounts of revenue recognized ● New disclosures 	Agenda items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Key facts about the new standard ● Significance of changes to the financial report ● Effects on regulatory capital ● New disclosures

Details of the education session

Date: 4 September, Monday
 Time: 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm
 Venue: HKICPA Boardroom, 37/F, Wu Chung House,
 213 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong
 Fee: Free of charge
 Language: English

To register, email outreachhk@hkipa.org.hk your name, organisation and contact details.