

# Role of Taxonomy and Data users Our workshops activities in Japan

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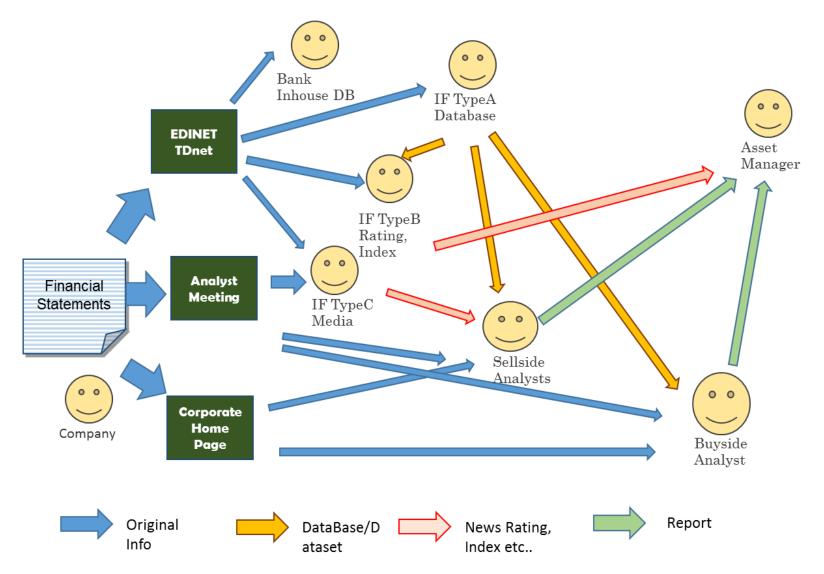
# Objective and Background of Our Workshops

# Objective

- In order for the IFRS Financial Statements and IFRS Taxonomy to meet with the users' needs, what is needed? Since various types of users in the market, we also aim to share the discussion on how and what kind of data should be provided and by whom. See next slide
- initially started as Working Group in CFA JAPAN joined with a voluntary study group of XBRL users (information providers).
   "Usage of IFRS data has problems"
  - Currently, various attendees who felt difficult to use IFRS disclosed data have joined, including buyside (asset manager, analyst, insurance, etc.), sellside (analyst, strategist), bank (analyst, data manager of in-house database), information providers, media, IR/Finance division of the preparers, CPA, etc.
  - Each times, around 35 attendees... number is increasing. 1<sup>st</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> total 70-80.
- Regulators, stock exchanges from Asia etc. are invited (Webex )
  - interest in investor's voice and sharing of difficulties in IFRS disclosure

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# Supply chain of IFRS financial information



# The 8<sup>th</sup> workshop, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016

# Theme (the 8<sup>th</sup> workshops)

- From previous workshops, We realized that IFRS financial statements are NOT easy to pick up some useful data.
- We identify some disclosure which has some problems, consider the reason behind the problems, find the solution and share them with the IASB members and staff.

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Sharing the knowledges which is necessary for today's discussion.
- 2. Views on the problematic disclosure cases

From analysts and information providers

From preparers

3. Discussion

# Agenda1: 1.Sharing the knowledge necessary for today's discussion

# 1. Usages of financial data by analysts and investors

- Estimate company's future performance and evaluate the corporate value
- Relative evaluation in the sector, or universe
- Historical comparison to find any abnormality/irregularity.

# 2. Example; Discounted Cash Flow (DCF) method

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#### \* Data which is needed for DCF Method

- ✓ Future cash flows (for 5-10 years) and discount rate (the company's WACC).
- ✓ The first step to estimate future cash flows, is to estimate future revenue, taking into account of operating profits in past years (10-20 years movement) and also the market, economy and industry situation.
- ✓ The second step is to estimate costs which is to be deducted from future revenue. By looking at past 10-20 years' variable costs and fixed costs, the analysts determine the cost ratio (variable and fixed cost ratio) and multiply it with the estimate revenue to get the cost estimation.
- ✓ It is also necessary to estimate future capital investment in order to estimate future cash flow. The analysts look at the past 10-20 years asset and liability (ration of current and non-current ratio), estimate capital investment to be arisen in future and then put those data on the table to compute future cash flows.

# Agenda2: Views on problematic disclosure cases

# -Discussion seeing sample financial statements

### -Summary opinions

#### 1) Problems in analyzing data with DCF or similar model – Views from information providers

- Not possible to get the "current and non-current" ratio when company (except bank) choses the liquidity order for the balance sheet presentation
- Difficult to get the variable and fixed cost ratio when company choses the income statement classification based on their nature rather than their function within the entity.
- While IFRS requires more disclosures in the notes than in the primary financial statements, the information
  in the notes are not so much comparable with other entities or on the chronological basis as they are
  classified differently from the primary financial statements or not disclosed in the interim financial
  statements.

#### 2) Problems in analyzing data with DCF or similar model – Views from analysts

- Difficult to estimate future revenue at the base level (ie sustainable level) without subtracting extraordinary items.
- If extraordinary (or other) income is offset against extraordinary (or other) loss, it would be difficult to see the situation of business.
- Difficult to compute a cost ratio precisely without having detailed information on the cost structure.

#### 3) Problem relation between investors and companies

- If definition of account item (name) is not clear, it is difficult to have effective communication with company.
- IR person sometimes cannot answer to the question, Cause the accounting Standard becomes more difficult.

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# Agenda 3. Discussion

# - Opinion for improvement

- Companies tend not to care (or difficult to consider) whether users are able to understand the financial date easily or not but just care whether standard allows it or not. It is important for the users and the prepares to share the information regarding the effect on the disclosures such as a case where users are unable to get the necessary information when the preparers disclose some information on a "net" basis (after offsetting income and expense).
- We understand that the company wants to tell "its own story" but, as analysts are also expected to detect the accounting fraud and make fair valuation of the company, the standard should prescribe more specifically and precisely what accounting items must be disclosed on the notes to the financial statements.
- It is difficult to have an effective conversation between investors and companies, if the accounting items (account names) are not defined clearly.

# However IFRS is principle based accounting standard. We need different solutions. Such as

- 1) Building good practice with sharing tasks between the local regulators and the IASB,
- 2) Creating detail rules to be published by the local regulators, or
- 3) Adding detail rules to the IFRS Standard by the IASB.

# For better taxonomy...

#### **Good Practice**

In Japan, the Japanese FSA issued "IFRS Disclosures Casebook" at April 2016. (available only in Japanese). One of the strategists (attendees to the Workshop) commented "It is useful. I wish the IASB could make the similar one, as a global version".

http://www.fsa.go.jp/news/27/sonota/20160331-5/01.pdf

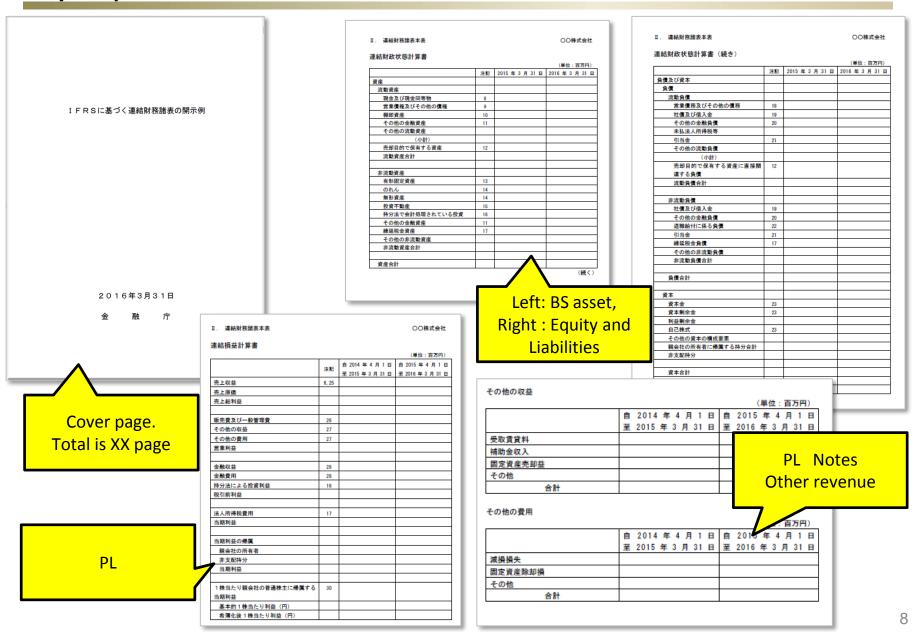
# The disclosure detail (eg casebook or regulation) needs to be discussed before taxonomy is discussed.

The standard defines the accounting items clearly and separately the disclosure rules or good practice should determines how they should be presented and disclosed in the financial statements.

- ✓ Depends on how accounting items are grouped, the disclosure on net basis looks as if it is on gross basis. As this would lead to misunderstanding of financial data, the standard should prescribe it more strictly.
- ✓ Temporary (non-recurring) profit / loss item must be disclosed in the primary financial statements but, even if they are disclosed in the notes, they must not be omitted. We need such kind of rules.

# Without those discussions, Digital reporting won't work efficiently.

# Appendix1) Sample IFRS financial statements issued by Japan FRS



# Opinion from attendees, What expects for the IASB?

# Companies, service providers for company and auditors

- Interesting
- I was able to understand how data user feel
- I like to hear various data user's voice.
- I hope to hear foreign investor's opinions.
- Communication between company and investors is important.

# **Investors and analysts**

- We would like to communicate the users' opinions to the IASB?
- We believe that "Disclosure" is more important than "Standard". How other domestic users think about it?
- Classification current /non-current and net disclosure are different level discussion, so the IASB may feel it "skip topic".

# What we expect for the IASB..

- We hope IASB to make a similar disclosure casebook like the one published by the Japanese FSA.
- I wish the IASB to continue providing this kind of opportunity to communicate between investors and companies.

# Appendix) XBRL in Japan for Capital market

| System        | Purpose  | Sco   | Main user   |  |
|---------------|--|---|---|--|
|               |  | 2008  | 2014  |  |
| TSE<br>TDnet  | Earning digest Simple summary Corporate actions etc                                | Summary by TSE taxonomy PFS by FSA taxonomy | Only technological change. Inline XBRL and dimension                    |  |
| FSA<br>EDINET | Security reports (after audit) Large volume reports, TOB reports, registration etc | PFS = Primary<br>Financial<br>Statements    | All security reports (PFS, Notes, segment information, MD&A governance) |  |

| XBRL generation                                       | Purpose of use                                      |
|---|---|
| 2008 Summary / PFS Traditional instance, no dimension | A substitute of manual input<br>Speediness Accuracy |
| 2014 Full XBRL (Only FSA)  Non financial information  | To access additional Information                    |
| Future?   |   |