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To: **Preparers, investors, practitioners and other interested parties**

Virtual Roundtable Discussion: 27 May 2024
IASB EXPOSURE DRAFT
Business Combinations—Disclosures, Goodwill and Impairment
Proposed amendments to IFRS 3 and IAS 36

The Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants invites you to a virtual roundtable to share your views on the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) [Exposure Draft Business Combinations—Disclosures, Goodwill and Impairment – Proposed amendments to IFRS 3 Business Combinations and IAS 36 Impairment of Assets](#).

Background of the roundtable

The proposals in the Exposure Draft respond to stakeholder feedback that reporting on acquisitions poses difficulties for both investors and companies:

- Investors lack sufficient and timely information about acquisitions and post-acquisition performance.
- Companies seek to provide useful information to investors but see risks and costs in providing some information, particularly commercially sensitive information that could be used by competitors.

Stakeholders have also expressed concern about the effectiveness and complexity of the impairment test for operations which have been allocated goodwill.

The IASB is proposing amendments to IFRS 3. The proposed amendments would require companies to report the objectives and related performance targets of their most important acquisitions and to provide information about the expected synergies for all material acquisitions. However, companies would not be required to disclose information that could compromise their acquisition objectives.

The IASB also proposes related amendments to IAS 36 to make targeted improvements to the impairment test.

Why you should attend this roundtable

The proposed changes would affect any entity that enters into a business combination or has cash-generating units containing goodwill, as well as the impairment test for all assets to which IAS 36 applies.

If you would like to understand the effect of the proposals and have a say in how business combinations should be reported, join the staff of the HKICPA, along with other preparers and users of financial reports, in this virtual roundtable discussion to express your views.

Details of the virtual roundtable

Date: 27 May 2024
Time: 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Format: Zoom videoconferencing

To register, please click the [link](#) and reserve by **17 May 2024**.

If you cannot attend the roundtable but would like to provide your comments, please email us at commentletters@hkicpa.org.hk.