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Dear Mr Ong,

Invitation to Comment on IASB Exposure Draft of Removal of Fixed Dates for First-time Adopters

Thank you for your letter of 16 September 2010, inviting the Audit Commission to comment on the captioned subject.

We support the proposal to replace references to a fixed transition date of "1 January 2004" with "the date of transition to IFRSs" because the cost of restating derecognition transactions back to 1 January 2004 outweighs the benefit to be achieved in doing so.

Yours sincerely,

(John Chu)

for Director of Audit