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Members of the Hong Kong Institute of CPAs To: All other interested parties

INVITATION TO COMMENT ON IASB EXPOSURE DRAFT OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO IFRS 1 - LIMITED EXEMPTION FROM COMPARATIVE IFRS 7 DISCLOSURES FOR FIRST-TIME ADOPTERS

Comments to be received by 21 December 2009

The Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants' (Institute) Financial Reporting Standards Committee (FRSC) is seeking comments on the IASB Exposure Draft which has been posted on the Institute's website at:

http://www.hkicpa.org.hk/en/standards-and-regulations/standards/financialreporting/exposure-drafts/

The Exposure Draft proposes amendment to IFRS 1 First-time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards that would provide first-time adopters with the same relief available to those already applying IFRSs when they first apply Improving Disclosures about Financial Instruments (Amendments to IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures) issued in March 2009.

In accordance with the Institute's Convergence Due Process, comments are invited from any interested party. The FRSC would like to hear from both those who do agree and those who do not agree with the proposals contained in the IASB Exposure Draft.

Comments should be supported by specific reasoning and should be submitted in written form.

To allow your comments on the IASB Exposure Draft to be considered, they are requested to be received by the Institute on or before 21 December 2009.

Comments may be sent by mail, fax or e-mail to:

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