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

INVITATION TO COMMENT ON IASB EXPOSURE DRAFT OF SALE OR CONTRIBUTION OF ASSETS BETWEEN AN INVESTOR AND ITS ASSOCIATE OR JOINT VENTURE (PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO IFRS 10 AND IAS 28)

Comments to be received by 18 March 2013

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/.

As stated in the IASB's press release, accompanying the Exposure Draft, the objective of the proposed amendment is to address an acknowledged inconsistency between the requirements in IFRS 10 Consolidated Financial Statements and those in IAS 28 (2011) Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures, in dealing with the sale or contribution of a subsidiary. The main consequence of the proposed amendment will be that a full gain or loss would be recognised on the loss of control of a business (whether it is housed in a subsidiary or not), including cases in which the investor retains joint control of, or significant influence over, the investee.

The issue originated from a submission to the IFRS Interpretations Committee. As a result, the Interpretations Committee recommended that the IASB should amend IFRS 10 and IAS 28 (2011).

The FRSC invites your comments on the proposals. Comments should be supported by specific reasoning and should be submitted in written form. To allow your comments to be considered, in developing its response to the IASB, the FRSC requests your comments to be received by the Institute on or before 18 March 2013.

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