

Hong Kong Accounting Standard 16

Property, Plant and Equipment

[An entity shall apply amendments resulting from *Improvements to HKFRSs* issued in October 2008 for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009.](#)

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Hong Kong Accounting Standard 16 *Property, Plant and Equipment* (HKAS 16) is set out in paragraphs 1-83 and the Appendix. All the paragraphs have equal authority. HKAS 16 should be read in the context of its objective and the Basis for Conclusions, the *Preface to Hong Kong Reporting Standards* and the *Framework for the Preparation and Presentation of Financial Statements*. HKAS 8 *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors* provides a basis for selecting and applying accounting policies in the absence of explicit guidance.

Hong Kong Accounting Standard 16

Property, Plant and Equipment

Objective

- The objective of this Standard is to prescribe the accounting treatment for property, plant and equipment so that users of the financial statements can discern information about an entity's investment in its property, plant and equipment and the changes in such investment. The principal issues in accounting for property, plant and equipment are the recognition of the assets, the determination of their carrying amounts and the depreciation charges and impairment losses to be recognised in relation to them.

Scope

- This Standard shall be applied in accounting for property, plant and equipment except when another Standard requires or permits a different accounting treatment.*

- This Standard does not apply to:

(a) property, plant and equipment classified as held for sale in accordance with HKFRS 5 Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations;

~~(a)~~ biological assets related to agricultural activity (see HKAS 41 *Agriculture*);
~~or~~

(c) the recognition and measurement of exploration and evaluation assets (see HKFRS 6 *Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources*); or

~~(b)~~ mineral rights and mineral reserves such as oil, natural gas and similar non-regenerative resources.

However, this Standard applies to property, plant and equipment used to develop or maintain the assets described in ~~(a)~~(b) and ~~(b)~~(d).

- Other Standards may require recognition of an item of property, plant and equipment based on an approach different from that in this Standard. For example, HKAS 17 *Leases* requires an entity to evaluate its recognition of an item of leased property, plant and equipment on the basis of the transfer of risks and rewards. However, in such cases other aspects of the accounting treatment for these assets, including depreciation, are prescribed by this Standard.
- An entity shall apply this Standard to property that is being constructed or developed for future use as investment property but does not yet satisfy the definition of 'investment property' in HKAS 40 *Investment Property*. Once the construction or development is complete, the property becomes investment property and the entity is required to apply HKAS 40. HKAS 40 also applies to investment property that is being redeveloped for continued future use as investment property. An entity using the cost model for investment property in accordance with HKAS 40 shall use the cost model in this Standard.

Definitions

6. *The following terms are used in this Standard with the meanings specified:*

Carrying amount is the amount at which an asset is recognised after deducting any accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

~~Cost is the amount of cash or cash equivalents paid and the fair value of the other consideration given to acquire an asset at the time of its acquisition or construction.~~
Cost is the amount of cash or cash equivalents paid or the fair value of other consideration given to acquire an asset at the time of its acquisition or construction or, where applicable, the amount attributed to that asset when initially recognised in accordance with the specific requirements of other HKFRSs, e.g. HKFRS 2 **Share-based Payment**.

Depreciable amount is the cost of an asset, or other amount substituted for cost, less its residual value.

Depreciation is the systematic allocation of the depreciable amount of an asset over its useful life.

Entity-specific value is the present value of the cash flows an entity expects to arise from the continuing use of an asset and from its disposal at the end of its useful life or expects to incur when settling a liability.

Fair value is the amount for which an asset could be exchanged between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction.

An **impairment loss** is the amount by which the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount.

Property, plant and equipment are tangible items that:

- (a) are held for use in the production or supply of goods or services, for rental to others, or for administrative purposes; and
- (b) are expected to be used during more than one period.

Recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's net selling price and its value in use.

The **residual value** of an asset is the estimated amount that an entity would currently obtain from disposal of the asset, after deducting the estimated costs of disposal, if the asset were already of the age and in the condition expected at the end of its useful life.

Useful life is:

- (a) the period over which an asset is expected to be available for use by an entity; or
- (b) the number of production or similar units expected to be obtained from the asset by an entity.

Recognition

7. *The cost of an item of property, plant and equipment shall be recognised as an asset if, and only if:*
- (a) *it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the entity; and*
 - (b) *the cost of the item can be measured reliably.*
8. Spare parts and servicing equipment are usually carried as inventory and recognised in profit or loss as consumed. However, major spare parts and stand-by equipment qualify as property, plant and equipment when an entity expects to use them during more than one period. Similarly, if the spare parts and servicing equipment can be used only in connection with an item of property, plant and equipment, they are accounted for as property, plant and equipment.
9. This Standard does not prescribe the unit of measure for recognition, ie what constitutes an item of property, plant and equipment. Thus, judgement is required in applying the recognition criteria to an entity's specific circumstances. It may be appropriate to aggregate individually insignificant items, such as moulds, tools and dies, and to apply the criteria to the aggregate value.
10. An entity evaluates under this recognition principle all its property, plant and equipment costs at the time they are incurred. These costs include costs incurred initially to acquire or construct an item of property, plant and equipment and costs incurred subsequently to add to, replace part of, or service it.

Initial Costs

11. Items of property, plant and equipment may be acquired for safety or environmental reasons. The acquisition of such property, plant and equipment, although not directly increasing the future economic benefits of any particular existing item of property, plant and equipment, may be necessary for an entity to obtain the future economic benefits from its other assets. Such items of property, plant and equipment qualify for recognition as assets because they enable an entity to derive future economic benefits from related assets in excess of what could be derived had those items not been acquired. For example, a chemical manufacturer may install new chemical handling processes to comply with environmental requirements for the production and storage of dangerous chemicals; related plant enhancements are recognised as an asset because without them the entity is unable to manufacture and sell chemicals. However, the resulting carrying amount of such an asset and related assets is reviewed for impairment in accordance with HKAS 36 *Impairment of Assets*.

Subsequent Costs

12. Under the recognition principle in paragraph 7, an entity does not recognise in the carrying amount of an item of property, plant and equipment the costs of the day-to-day servicing of the item. Rather, these costs are recognised in profit or loss as incurred. Costs of day-to-day servicing are primarily the costs of labour and consumables, and may include the cost of small parts. The purpose of these expenditures is often described as for the 'repairs and maintenance' of the item of property, plant and equipment.
13. Parts of some items of property, plant and equipment may require replacement at regular intervals. For example, a furnace may require relining after a specified number of hours of use, or aircraft interiors such as seats and galleys may require replacement several times during the life of the airframe. Items of property, plant and equipment may also be acquired to make a less frequently recurring replacement, such as replacing the interior walls of a building, or to make a non-recurring replacement. Under the recognition principle in paragraph 7, an entity recognises in the carrying amount of an item of property, plant and equipment the cost of replacing part of such an item when that cost is incurred if the recognition criteria are met. The carrying amount of those parts that are replaced is derecognised in accordance with the derecognition provisions of this Standard (see paragraphs 67-72).
14. A condition of continuing to operate an item of property, plant and equipment (for example, an aircraft) may be performing regular major inspections for faults regardless of whether parts of the item are replaced. When each major inspection is performed, its cost is recognised in the carrying amount of the item of property, plant and equipment as a replacement if the recognition criteria are satisfied. Any remaining carrying amount of the cost of the previous inspection (as distinct from physical parts) is derecognised. This occurs regardless of whether the cost of the previous inspection was identified in the transaction in which the item was acquired or constructed. If necessary, the estimated cost of a future similar inspection may be used as an indication of what the cost of the existing inspection component was when the item was acquired or constructed.

Measurement at Recognition

15. An item of property, plant and equipment that qualifies for recognition as an asset shall be measured at its cost.

Elements of Cost

16. The cost of an item of property, plant and equipment comprises:
 - (a) its purchase price, including import duties and non-refundable purchase taxes, after deducting trade discounts and rebates;
 - (b) any costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

- (c) the initial estimate of the costs of dismantling and removing the item and restoring the site on which it is located, the obligation for which an entity incurs either when the item is acquired or as a consequence of having used the item during a particular period for purposes other than to produce inventories during that period.
17. Examples of directly attributable costs are:
- (a) costs of employee benefits (as defined in HKAS 19 *Employee Benefits*) arising directly from the construction or acquisition of the item of property, plant and equipment;
 - (b) costs of site preparation;
 - (c) initial delivery and handling costs;
 - (d) installation and assembly costs;
 - (e) costs of testing whether the asset is functioning properly, after deducting the net proceeds from selling any items produced while bringing the asset to that location and condition (such as samples produced when testing equipment); and
 - (f) professional fees.
18. An entity applies HKAS 2 *Inventories* to the costs of obligations for dismantling, removing and restoring the site on which an item is located that are incurred during a particular period as a consequence of having used the item to produce inventories during that period. The obligations for costs accounted for in accordance with HKAS 2 or HKAS 16 are recognised and measured in accordance with HKAS 37 *Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets*.
19. Examples of costs that are not the costs of an item of property, plant and equipment are:
- (a) costs of opening a new facility;
 - (b) costs of introducing a new product or service (including costs of advertising and promotional activities);
 - (c) costs of conducting business in a new location or with a new class of customer (including costs of staff training); and
 - (d) administration and other general overhead costs.
20. Recognition of costs in the carrying amount of an item of property, plant and equipment ceases when the item is in the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management. Therefore, costs incurred in using or redeploying an item are not included in the carrying amount of that item. For example, the following costs are not included in the carrying amount of an item of property, plant and equipment:

- (a) costs incurred while an item capable of operating in the manner intended by management has yet to be brought into use or is operated at less than full capacity;
 - (b) initial operating losses, such as those incurred while demand for the item's output builds up; and
 - (c) costs of relocating or reorganising part or all of an entity's operations.
21. Some operations occur in connection with the construction or development of an item of property, plant and equipment, but are not necessary to bring the item to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management. These incidental operations may occur before or during the construction or development activities. For example, income may be earned through using a building site as a car park until construction starts. Because incidental operations are not necessary to bring an item to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management, the income and related expenses of incidental operations are recognised in profit or loss and included in their respective classifications of income and expense.
22. The cost of a self-constructed asset is determined using the same principles as for an acquired asset. If an entity makes similar assets for sale in the normal course of business, the cost of the asset is usually the same as the cost of constructing an asset for sale (see HKAS 2). Therefore, any internal profits are eliminated in arriving at such costs. Similarly, the cost of abnormal amounts of wasted material, labour, or other resources incurred in self-constructing an asset is not included in the cost of the asset. HKAS 23 *Borrowing Costs* establishes criteria for the recognition of interest as a component of the carrying amount of a self-constructed item of property, plant and equipment.

Measurement of Cost

23. The cost of an item of property, plant and equipment is the cash price equivalent at the recognition date. If payment is deferred beyond normal credit terms, the difference between the cash price equivalent and the total payment is recognised as interest over the period of credit unless such interest is recognised in the carrying amount of the item in accordance with the allowed alternative treatment in HKAS 23.
24. One or more items of property, plant and equipment may be acquired in exchange for a non-monetary asset or assets, or a combination of monetary and non-monetary assets. The following discussion refers simply to an exchange of one non-monetary asset for another, but it also applies to all the exchanges described in the preceding sentence. The cost of such an item of property, plant and equipment is measured at fair value unless (a) the exchange transaction lacks commercial substance or (b) the fair value of neither the asset received nor the asset given up is reliably measurable. The acquired item is measured in this way even if an entity cannot immediately derecognise the asset given up. If the acquired item is not measured at fair value, its cost is measured at the carrying amount of the asset given up.

25. An entity determines whether an exchange transaction has commercial substance by considering the extent to which its future cash flows are expected to change as a result of the transaction. An exchange transaction has commercial substance if:
- (a) the configuration (risk, timing and amount) of the cash flows of the asset received differs from the configuration of the cash flows of the asset transferred; or
 - (b) the entity-specific value of the portion of the entity's operations affected by the transaction changes as a result of the exchange; and
 - (c) the difference in (a) or (b) is significant relative to the fair value of the assets exchanged.

For the purpose of determining whether an exchange transaction has commercial substance, the entity-specific value of the portion of the entity's operations affected by the transaction shall reflect post-tax cash flows. The result of these analyses may be clear without an entity having to perform detailed calculations.

26. The fair value of an asset for which comparable market transactions do not exist is reliably measurable if (a) the variability in the range of reasonable fair value estimates is not significant for that asset or (b) the probabilities of the various estimates within the range can be reasonably assessed and used in estimating fair value. If an entity is able to determine reliably the fair value of either the asset received or the asset given up, then the fair value of the asset given up is used to measure the cost of the asset received unless the fair value of the asset received is more clearly evident.
27. The cost of an item of property, plant and equipment held by a lessee under a finance lease is determined under HKAS 17 *Leases*.
28. The carrying amount of an item of property, plant and equipment may be reduced by government grants in accordance with HKAS 20 *Accounting for Government Grants and Disclosure of Government Assistance*.

Measurement after Recognition

29. *An entity shall choose either the cost model in paragraph 30 or the revaluation model in paragraph 31 as its accounting policy and shall apply that policy to an entire class of property, plant and equipment.*

Cost Model

30. *After recognition as an asset, an item of property, plant and equipment shall be carried at its cost less any accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.*

Revaluation Model

31. *After recognition as an asset, an item of property, plant and equipment whose fair value can be measured reliably shall be carried at a revalued amount, being its fair value at the date of the revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses. Revaluations shall be made with sufficient regularity to ensure that the carrying amount does not differ materially from that which would be determined using fair value at the balance sheet date.*
32. The fair value of land and buildings is usually determined from market-based evidence by appraisal that is normally undertaken by professionally qualified valuers. The fair value of items of plant and equipment is usually their market value determined by appraisal.
33. If there is no market-based evidence of fair value because of the specialised nature of the item of property, plant and equipment and the item is rarely sold, except as part of a continuing business, an entity may need to estimate fair value using an income or a depreciated replacement cost approach.
34. The frequency of revaluations depends upon the changes in fair values of the items of property, plant and equipment being revalued. When the fair value of a revalued asset differs materially from its carrying amount, a further revaluation is required. Some items of property, plant and equipment experience significant and volatile changes in fair value, thus necessitating annual revaluation. Such frequent revaluations are unnecessary for items of property, plant and equipment with only insignificant changes in fair value. Instead, it may be necessary to revalue the item only every three or five years.
35. When an item of property, plant and equipment is revalued, any accumulated depreciation at the date of the revaluation is treated in one of the following ways:
- (a) restated proportionately with the change in the gross carrying amount of the asset so that the carrying amount of the asset after revaluation equals its revalued amount. This method is often used when an asset is revalued by means of applying an index to its depreciated replacement cost.
 - (b) eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the asset and the net amount restated to the revalued amount of the asset. This method is often used for buildings.

The amount of the adjustment arising on the restatement or elimination of accumulated depreciation forms part of the increase or decrease in carrying amount that is accounted for in accordance with paragraphs 39 and 40.

36. *If an item of property, plant and equipment is revalued, the entire class of property, plant and equipment to which that asset belongs shall be revalued.*

37. A class of property, plant and equipment is a grouping of assets of a similar nature and use in an entity's operations. The following are examples of separate classes:
- (a) land;
 - (b) land and buildings;
 - (c) machinery;
 - (d) ships;
 - (e) aircraft;
 - (f) motor vehicles;
 - (g) furniture and fixtures; and
 - (h) office equipment.
38. The items within a class of property, plant and equipment are revalued simultaneously to avoid selective revaluation of assets and the reporting of amounts in the financial statements that are a mixture of costs and values as at different dates. However, a class of assets may be revalued on a rolling basis provided revaluation of the class of assets is completed within a short period and provided the revaluations are kept up to date.
39. *If an asset's carrying amount is increased as a result of a revaluation, the increase shall be credited directly to equity under the heading of revaluation surplus. However, the increase shall be recognised in profit or loss to the extent that it reverses a revaluation decrease of the same asset previously recognised in profit or loss.*
40. *If an asset's carrying amount is decreased as a result of a revaluation, the decrease shall be recognised in profit or loss. However, the decrease shall be debited directly to equity under the heading of revaluation surplus to the extent of any credit balance existing in the revaluation surplus in respect of that asset.*
41. The revaluation surplus included in equity in respect of an item of property, plant and equipment may be transferred directly to retained earnings when the asset is derecognised. This may involve transferring the whole of the surplus when the asset is retired or disposed of. However, some of the surplus may be transferred as the asset is used by an entity. In such a case, the amount of the surplus transferred would be the difference between depreciation based on the revalued carrying amount of the asset and depreciation based on the asset's original cost. Transfers from revaluation surplus to retained earnings are not made through profit or loss.
42. The effects of taxes on income, if any, resulting from the revaluation of property, plant and equipment are recognised and disclosed in accordance with HKAS 12 *Income Taxes*.

Depreciation

43. *Each part of an item of property, plant and equipment with a cost that is significant in relation to the total cost of the item shall be depreciated separately.*

44. An entity allocates the amount initially recognised in respect of an item of property, plant and equipment to its significant parts and depreciates separately each such part. For example, it may be appropriate to depreciate separately the airframe and engines of an aircraft, whether owned or subject to a finance lease.
45. A significant part of an item of property, plant and equipment may have a useful life and a depreciation method that are the same as the useful life and the depreciation method of another significant part of that same item. Such parts may be grouped in determining the depreciation charge.
46. To the extent that an entity depreciates separately some parts of an item of property, plant and equipment, it also depreciates separately the remainder of the item. The remainder consists of the parts of the item that are individually not significant. If an entity has varying expectations for these parts, approximation techniques may be necessary to depreciate the remainder in a manner that faithfully represents the consumption pattern and/or useful life of its parts.
47. An entity may choose to depreciate separately the parts of an item that do not have a cost that is significant in relation to the total cost of the item.
48. ***The depreciation charge for each period shall be recognised in profit or loss unless it is included in the carrying amount of another asset.***
49. The depreciation charge for a period is usually recognised in profit or loss. However, sometimes, the future economic benefits embodied in an asset are absorbed in producing other assets. In this case, the depreciation charge constitutes part of the cost of the other asset and is included in its carrying amount. For example, the depreciation of manufacturing plant and equipment is included in the costs of conversion of inventories (see HKAS 2). Similarly, depreciation of property, plant and equipment used for development activities may be included in the cost of an intangible asset recognised in accordance with HKAS 38 *Intangible Assets*.

Depreciable Amount and Depreciation Period

50. ***The depreciable amount of an asset shall be allocated on a systematic basis over its useful life.***
51. ***The residual value and the useful life of an asset shall be reviewed at least at each financial year-end and, if expectations differ from previous estimates, the change(s) shall be accounted for as a change in an accounting estimate in accordance with HKAS 8 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors.***
52. Depreciation is recognised even if the fair value of the asset exceeds its carrying amount, as long as the asset's residual value does not exceed its carrying amount. Repair and maintenance of an asset do not negate the need to depreciate it.
53. The depreciable amount of an asset is determined after deducting its residual value. In practice, the residual value of an asset is often insignificant and therefore immaterial in the calculation of the depreciable amount.
54. The residual value of an asset may increase to an amount equal to or greater than the asset's carrying amount. If it does, the asset's depreciation charge is zero unless and until its residual value subsequently decreases to an amount below the asset's carrying amount.

55. Depreciation of an asset begins when it is available for use, ie when it is in the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management. ~~Depreciation of an asset ceases when the asset is derecognised. Therefore, depreciation does not cease when the asset becomes idle or is retired from active use and held for disposal unless the asset is fully depreciated.~~ Depreciation of an asset ceases at the earlier of the date that the asset is classified as held for sale (or included in a disposal group that is classified as held for sale) in accordance with HKFRS 5 and the date that the asset is derecognised. Therefore, depreciation does not cease when the asset becomes idle or is retired from active use unless the asset is fully depreciated. However, under usage methods of depreciation the depreciation charge can be zero while there is no production.
56. The future economic benefits embodied in an asset are consumed by an entity principally through its use. However, other factors, such as technical or commercial obsolescence and wear and tear while an asset remains idle, often result in the diminution of the economic benefits that might have been obtained from the asset. Consequently, all the following factors are considered in determining the useful life of an asset:
- (a) expected usage of the asset. Usage is assessed by reference to the asset's expected capacity or physical output.
 - (b) expected physical wear and tear, which depends on operational factors such as the number of shifts for which the asset is to be used and the repair and maintenance programme, and the care and maintenance of the asset while idle.
 - (c) technical or commercial obsolescence arising from changes or improvements in production, or from a change in the market demand for the product or service output of the asset.
 - (d) legal or similar limits on the use of the asset, such as the expiry dates of related leases.
57. The useful life of an asset is defined in terms of the asset's expected utility to the entity. The asset management policy of the entity may involve the disposal of assets after a specified time or after consumption of a specified proportion of the future economic benefits embodied in the asset. Therefore, the useful life of an asset may be shorter than its economic life. The estimation of the useful life of the asset is a matter of judgement based on the experience of the entity with similar assets.
58. Land and buildings are separable assets and are accounted for separately, even when they are acquired together. With some exceptions, such as quarries and sites used for landfill, land has an unlimited useful life and therefore is not depreciated. Buildings have a limited useful life and therefore are depreciable assets. An increase in the value of the land on which a building stands does not affect the determination of the depreciable amount of the building.
59. If the cost of land includes the costs of site dismantlement, removal and restoration, that portion of the land asset is depreciated over the period of benefits obtained by incurring those costs. In some cases, the land itself may have a limited useful life, in which case it is depreciated in a manner that reflects the benefits to be derived from it.

Depreciation Method

60. *The depreciation method used shall reflect the pattern in which the asset's future economic benefits are expected to be consumed by the entity.*
61. *The depreciation method applied to an asset shall be reviewed at least at each financial year-end and, if there has been a significant change in the expected pattern of consumption of the future economic benefits embodied in the asset, the method shall be changed to reflect the changed pattern. Such a change shall be accounted for as a change in an accounting estimate in accordance with HKAS 8.*
62. A variety of depreciation methods can be used to allocate the depreciable amount of an asset on a systematic basis over its useful life. These methods include the straight-line method, the diminishing balance method and the units of production method. Straight-line depreciation results in a constant charge over the useful life if the asset's residual value does not change. The diminishing balance method results in a decreasing charge over the useful life. The units of production method results in a charge based on the expected use or output. The entity selects the method that most closely reflects the expected pattern of consumption of the future economic benefits embodied in the asset. That method is applied consistently from period to period unless there is a change in the expected pattern of consumption of those future economic benefits.

Impairment

63. To determine whether an item of property, plant and equipment is impaired, an entity applies HKAS 36 *Impairment of Assets*. That Standard explains how an entity reviews the carrying amount of its assets, how it determines the recoverable amount of an asset, and when it recognises, or reverses the recognition of, an impairment loss.
- ~~64. HKAS 22 *Business Combinations* explains how to account for an impairment loss recognised before the end of the first annual accounting period beginning after a business combination that is an acquisition. [Deleted](#).~~

Compensation for Impairment

65. *Compensation from third parties for items of property, plant and equipment that were impaired, lost or given up shall be included in profit or loss when the compensation becomes receivable.*
66. Impairments or losses of items of property, plant and equipment, related claims for or payments of compensation from third parties and any subsequent purchase or construction of replacement assets are separate economic events and are accounted for separately as follows:
- (a) impairments of items of property, plant and equipment are recognised in accordance with HKAS 36;
 - (b) derecognition of items of property, plant and equipment retired or disposed of is determined in accordance with this Standard;
 - (c) compensation from third parties for items of property, plant and equipment that were impaired, lost or given up is included in determining profit or loss when it becomes receivable; and

- (d) the cost of items of property, plant and equipment restored, purchased or constructed as replacements is determined in accordance with this Standard.

Derecognition

67. *The carrying amount of an item of property, plant and equipment shall be derecognised:*
- (a) *on disposal; or*
- (b) *when no future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal.*
68. *The gain or loss arising from the derecognition of an item of property, plant and equipment shall be included in profit or loss when the item is derecognised (unless HKAS 17 requires otherwise on a sale and leaseback). Gains shall not be classified as revenue.*
69. The disposal of an item of property, plant and equipment may occur in a variety of ways (eg by sale, by entering into a finance lease or by donation). In determining the date of disposal of an item, an entity applies the criteria in HKAS 18 *Revenue* for recognising revenue from the sale of goods. HKAS 17 applies to disposal by a sale and leaseback.
70. If, under the recognition principle in paragraph 7, an entity recognises in the carrying amount of an item of property, plant and equipment the cost of a replacement for part of the item, then it derecognises the carrying amount of the replaced part regardless of whether the replaced part had been depreciated separately. If it is not practicable for an entity to determine the carrying amount of the replaced part, it may use the cost of the replacement as an indication of what the cost of the replaced part was at the time it was acquired or constructed.
71. *The gain or loss arising from the derecognition of an item of property, plant and equipment shall be determined as the difference between the net disposal proceeds, if any, and the carrying amount of the item.*
72. The consideration receivable on disposal of an item of property, plant and equipment is recognised initially at its fair value. If payment for the item is deferred, the consideration received is recognised initially at the cash price equivalent. The difference between the nominal amount of the consideration and the cash price equivalent is recognised as interest revenue in accordance with HKAS 18 reflecting the effective yield on the receivable.

Disclosure

73. *The financial statements shall disclose, for each class of property, plant and equipment:*
- (a) *the measurement bases used for determining the gross carrying amount;*
- (b) *the depreciation methods used;*
- (c) *the useful lives or the depreciation rates used;*

- (d) *the gross carrying amount and the accumulated depreciation (aggregated with accumulated impairment losses) at the beginning and end of the period; and*
- (e) *a reconciliation of the carrying amount at the beginning and end of the period showing:*
 - (i) *additions;*
 - (ii) *~~disposals;~~ assets classified as held for sale or included in a disposal group classified as held for sale in accordance with HKFRS 5 and other disposals;*
 - (iii) *acquisitions through business combinations;*
 - (iv) *increases or decreases resulting from revaluations under paragraphs 31, 39 and 40 and from impairment losses recognised or reversed directly in equity in accordance with HKAS 36;*
 - (v) *impairment losses recognised in profit or loss in accordance with HKAS 36;*
 - (vi) *impairment losses reversed in profit or loss in accordance with HKAS 36;*
 - (vii) *depreciation;*
 - (viii) *the net exchange differences arising on the translation of the financial statements from the functional currency into a different presentation currency, including the translation of a foreign operation into the presentation currency of the reporting entity; and*
 - (ix) *other changes.*

74. The financial statements shall also disclose:

- (a) *the existence and amounts of restrictions on title, and property, plant and equipment pledged as security for liabilities;*
- (b) *the amount of expenditures recognised in the carrying amount of an item of property, plant and equipment in the course of its construction;*
- (c) *the amount of contractual commitments for the acquisition of property, plant and equipment; and*
- (d) *if it is not disclosed separately on the face of the income statement, the amount of compensation from third parties for items of property, plant and equipment that were impaired, lost or given up that is included in profit or loss.*

75. Selection of the depreciation method and estimation of the useful life of assets are matters of judgement. Therefore, disclosure of the methods adopted and the estimated useful lives or depreciation rates provides users of financial statements with information that allows them to review the policies selected by management and enables comparisons to be made with other entities. For similar reasons, it is necessary to disclose:
- (a) depreciation, whether recognised in profit or loss or as a part of the cost of other assets, during a period; and
 - (b) accumulated depreciation at the end of the period.
76. In accordance with HKAS 8 an entity discloses the nature and effect of a change in an accounting estimate that has an effect in the current period or is expected to have an effect in subsequent periods. For property, plant and equipment, such disclosure may arise from changes in estimates with respect to:
- (a) residual values;
 - (b) the estimated costs of dismantling, removing or restoring items of property, plant and equipment;
 - (c) useful lives; and
 - (d) depreciation methods.
77. *If items of property, plant and equipment are stated at revalued amounts, the following shall be disclosed:*
- (a) *the effective date of the revaluation;*
 - (b) *whether an independent valuer was involved;*
 - (c) *the methods and significant assumptions applied in estimating the items' fair values;*
 - (d) *the extent to which the items' fair values were determined directly by reference to observable prices in an active market or recent market transactions on arm's length terms or were estimated using other valuation techniques;*
 - (e) *for each revalued class of property, plant and equipment, the carrying amount that would have been recognised had the assets been carried under the cost model; and*
 - (f) *the revaluation surplus, indicating the change for the period and any restrictions on the distribution of the balance to shareholders.*
78. In accordance with HKAS 36 an entity discloses information on impaired property, plant and equipment in addition to the information required by paragraph 73(e)(iv)-(vi).
79. Users of financial statements may also find the following information relevant to their needs:

- (a) the carrying amount of temporarily idle property, plant and equipment;
- (b) the gross carrying amount of any fully depreciated property, plant and equipment that is still in use;
- (c) ~~the carrying amount of property, plant and equipment retired from active use and held for disposal; and~~ the carrying amount of property, plant and equipment retired from active use and not classified as held for sale in accordance with HKFRS 5; and
- (d) when the cost model is used, the fair value of property, plant and equipment when this is materially different from the carrying amount.

Therefore, entities are encouraged to disclose these amounts.

Transitional Provisions

80. *The requirements of paragraphs 24-26 regarding the initial measurement of an item of property, plant and equipment acquired in an exchange of assets transaction shall be applied prospectively to future transactions.*
- 80A. *Enterprises which carried property, plant and equipment at revalued amounts in financial statements relating to periods ended before 30 September 1995 are not required to make regular revaluations in accordance with paragraphs 31 and 36 even if the carrying amounts of the revalued assets are materially different from the asset's fair values provided that:*
- (a) *these enterprises do not revalue their property, plant and equipment subsequent to 1995; and*
 - (b) *disclosure of reliance of this paragraph is made in the financial statements.*
- 80B. *SSAP 17 Property, Plant and Equipment exempted charitable, government subvented and not-for-profit organisations whose long-term financial objective is other than to achieve operating profits (e.g. trade associations, clubs and retirement schemes) from compliance with its requirements. Those entities that have previously taken advantage of the exemption under SSAP 17 are permitted to deem the carrying amount of an item of property, plant and equipment immediately before applying this Standard on its effective date (or earlier) as the cost of that item. Depreciation on the deemed cost of an item of property, plant and equipment commences from the time at which this Standard is first applied. In the case where a carrying amount is used as a deemed cost for subsequent accounting, this fact and the aggregate of the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment presented shall be disclosed.*

Effective Date

81. *An entity shall apply this Standard for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2005. Earlier application is encouraged. If an entity applies this Standard for a period beginning before 1 January 2005, it shall disclose that fact.*

- 81A. If an entity decides to apply this Standard for an earlier period, it is not required to apply all the HKASs with the effective date for that same period. However, it is required to apply the amendments set out in the appendix on amendments to other pronouncements for that earlier period(s).

Withdrawal of Other Pronouncements

82. This Standard supersedes SSAP 17 *Property, Plant and Equipment* revised in 2001.
83. This Standard supersedes the following Interpretations: (a) Interpretation 1 *Costs of Modifying Existing Software* and Interpretation 5 *Property, Plant and Equipment—Compensation for the Impairment or Loss of Items*

Appendix

Comparison with International Accounting Standards

This comparison appendix, which was prepared as at ~~9 March 2004~~^{24 November 2005} and deals only with significant differences in the standards extant, is produced for information only and does not form part of the standards in HKAS 16.

The International Accounting Standard comparable with HKAS 16 is IAS 16 *Property, Plant and Equipment*.

The following sets out the major textual difference between HKAS 16 and IAS 16 and the reason for the difference.

Difference	Reason for the difference
<p>(i) HKAS 16 para 80A</p> <p>A transitional arrangement was introduced in the original SSAP 17 issued in 1995 to relieve certain enterprises which carried their property, plant and equipment at revalued amounts before 30 September 1995 from making regular revaluations.</p>	<p>To carry forward the transitional arrangement previously included in SSAP 17.</p>
<p><u>(ii) HKAS 16 para 80B</u></p> <p><u>A transitional arrangement is included to allow those entities that have previously taken advantage of the exemption under SSAP 17 <i>Property, Plant and Equipment</i> to deem the carrying amount of an item of property, plant and equipment immediately before applying this Standard on its effective date (or earlier) as the cost of that item.</u></p>	<p><u>To deal with the concern of those exempted entities that it might not be possible for them to trace back the original cost of the asset for applying this Standard.</u></p>

Appendix

Amendments to Other Pronouncements

The amendments in this appendix shall be applied for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2005. If an entity applies this Standard for an earlier period, these amendments shall be applied for that earlier period.

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The amendments contained in this appendix when this Standard was issued have been incorporated into the relevant Standards.

As explained in the introduction to this Standard, the accounting standard and paragraph references that appear below may differ from those found in the existing SSAPs as they have taken into account the changes to be made to the name, number, paragraph numbering as well as appendix referencing of the existing SSAPs in order to conform to those of the equivalent IASs.

~~A1. HKFRS 1 *First-time Adoption of Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards* and its accompanying documents are amended as described below.~~

~~In the HKFRS, paragraph 24 is amended to read as follows:~~

~~24 If a subsidiary becomes a first-time adopter later than its parent, the subsidiary shall, in its individual financial statements, measure its assets and liabilities at either:~~

~~...~~

~~(b) the carrying amounts required by the rest of this HKFRS, based on the subsidiary's date of transition to HKFRSs. These carrying amounts could differ from those described in (a):~~

~~...~~

~~(ii) when the accounting policies used in the subsidiary's financial statements differ from those in the consolidated financial statements. For example, the subsidiary may use as its accounting policy the cost model in HKAS 16 *Property, Plant and Equipment*, whereas the group may use the revaluation model.~~

~~...~~

~~In the Basis for Conclusions, paragraph BC45 is amended to read as follows:~~

~~BC45 Under the revaluation model in IAS 16 *Property, Plant and Equipment*, if an entity revalues an asset, it must revalue all assets in that class. This restriction prevents selective revaluation of only those assets whose revaluation would lead to a particular result. Some suggested a similar~~

~~restriction on the use of fair value as deemed cost. However, IAS 36 *Impairment of Assets* requires an impairment test if there is any indication that an asset is impaired. Thus, if an entity uses fair value as deemed cost for assets whose fair value is above cost, it cannot ignore indications that the recoverable amount of other assets may have fallen below their carrying amount. Therefore, the IFRS does not restrict the use of fair value as deemed cost to entire classes of asset.~~

~~In the Guidance on Implementing HKFRS 1, paragraphs IG7 and IG10-IG12 are amended to read as follows:~~

~~IG7—If an entity's depreciation methods and rates under previous GAAP are acceptable under HKFRSs, it accounts for any change in estimated useful life or depreciation pattern prospectively from when it makes that change in estimate (paragraphs 31 and 32 of the HKFRS and paragraph 61 of HKAS 16). However, in some cases, an entity's depreciation methods and rates under previous GAAP may differ from those that would be acceptable under HKFRSs (for example, if they were adopted solely for tax purposes and do not reflect a reasonable estimate of the asset's useful life). If those differences have a material effect on the financial statements, the entity adjusts accumulated depreciation in its opening HKFRS balance sheet retrospectively so that it complies with HKFRSs.~~

~~G10—If an entity chooses as its accounting policy the revaluation model in HKAS 16 for some or all classes of property, plant and equipment, it presents the cumulative revaluation surplus as a separate component of equity. The revaluation surplus at the date of transition to HKFRSs is based on a comparison of the carrying amount of the asset at that date with its cost or deemed cost. If the deemed cost is the fair value at the date of transition to HKFRSs, the entity gives the disclosures required by paragraph 44 of the HKFRS.~~

~~IG11—If revaluations under previous GAAP did not satisfy the criteria in paragraph 17 or 19 of the HKFRS, an entity measures the revalued assets in its opening balance sheet on one of the following bases:~~

- ~~(a) — cost (or deemed cost) less any accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses under the cost model in HKAS 16;~~
- ~~(b) — deemed cost, being the fair value at the date of transition to HKFRSs (paragraph 16 of the HKFRS); or~~
- ~~(c) — revalued amount, if the entity adopts the revaluation model in HKAS 16 as its accounting policy under HKFRSs for all items of property, plant and equipment in same class.~~

~~IG12—HKAS 16 requires each part of an item of property, plant~~

equipment with a cost that is significant in relation to the cost of the item to be depreciated separately. However, HKAS does not prescribe the unit of measure for recognition of asset, ie what constitutes an item of property, plant equipment. Thus, judgement is required in applying recognition criteria to an entity's specific circumstances HKAS 16, paragraphs 9 and 43).

A2. In HKAS 14 *Segment Reporting*, paragraph 21 is amended to read follows:

21. Measurements of segment assets and liabilities include adjustments to the prior carrying amounts of the identifiable segment assets and segment liabilities of a company acquired a business combination accounted for as a purchase, even those adjustments are made only for the purpose of preparing consolidated financial statements and are not recorded in either the parent's separate or the subsidiary's individual financial statements. Similarly, if property, plant and equipment been revalued subsequent to acquisition in accordance with revaluation model in HKAS 16, then measurements of segment assets reflect those revaluations.

A3. In Appendix C to HKAS 34 *Interim Financial Reporting*, paragraph amended to read as follows:

7. **Revaluations and fair value accounting:** HKAS 16 *Property, Plant and Equipment* allows an entity to choose as accounting policy the revaluation model whereby items property, plant and equipment are revalued to fair value. Similarly, HKAS 40 *Investment Property* requires an entity determine the fair value of investment property. For measurements, an entity may rely on professionally qualified valuers at annual reporting dates though not at interim reporting dates.

A4. HKAS 36 *Impairment of Assets* is amended as described below.

In the Standard, paragraphs 4, 9, 37, 38, 41, 42, 59, 96 and 104 are amended to read as follows:

4. This Standard applies to assets that are carried at revalued amount (fair value) under other Standards, such as the revaluation model in HKAS 16 *Property, Plant and Equipment*. However, identifying whether a revalued asset may be impaired depends on the basis used to determine fair value:

...

9. ***In assessing whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired, an entity shall consider, as a minimum, the following indications:***

...

Internal sources of information

...

~~(f) — significant changes with an adverse effect on the entity have taken place during the period, or are expected to take place in the near future, in the extent to which, or manner in which, an asset is used or is expected to be used. These changes include the asset becoming idle, plans to discontinue or restructure the operation to which an asset belongs, and plans to dispose of an asset before the previously expected date; and~~

~~...~~

~~37. — Future cash flows shall be estimated for the asset in its current condition. Estimates of future cash flows shall not include estimated future cash inflows or outflows that are expected to arise from:~~

~~...~~

~~(b) — future costs to add to, replace part of, or service the asset.~~

~~38. — Because future cash flows are estimated for the asset in its current condition, value in use does not reflect:~~

~~...~~

~~(b) — future costs to add to, replace part of, or service the asset or the related future benefits from this future cost.~~

~~41. — Until an entity incurs costs to add to, replace part of, or service the asset, estimates of future cash flows do not include the estimated future cash inflows expected to arise from this cost (see Appendix A, Example 6).~~

~~42. — Estimates of future cash flows include future costs necessary for the day-to-day servicing of the asset.~~

~~59. — An impairment loss shall be recognised as an expense in the income statement immediately, unless the asset is carried at revalued amount under another Standard (for example, in accordance with the revaluation model in HKAS 16 Property, Plant and Equipment). Any impairment loss of a revalued asset shall be treated as a revaluation decrease under that other Standard.~~

~~96. — In assessing whether there is any indication that an impairment loss recognised for an asset in prior years may no longer exist or may have decreased, an entity shall consider, as a minimum, the following indications:~~

~~...~~

~~Internal sources of information~~

~~(d) — significant changes with a favourable effect on the entity have taken place during the period, or are expected to take place in the near future, in the extent to which, or manner in which, the~~

~~asset is used or is expected to be used. These changes include costs incurred during the period to add to, replace part of, or service the asset or a commitment to discontinue or restructure the operation to which the asset belongs; and~~

~~...~~

~~104. A reversal of an impairment loss for an asset shall be recognised as income immediately in the income statement, unless the asset is carried at revalued amount under another Standard (for example, in accordance with the revaluation model in HKAS 16 Property, Plant and Equipment). Any reversal of an impairment loss of a revalued asset shall be treated as a revaluation increase under that other Standard.~~

In Appendix A, the title of Example 6 and paragraphs A56 and A60 are amended to read as follows:

Example 6 – Treatment of Future Costs

A56. Management approved budgets reflect that:

(a) in 20X4, costs of 25,000 will be incurred to renew the engine of the plane; and

~~...~~

A60. The costs to renew the engine of the plane are incurred. Therefore, in determining the plane's value in use, the future benefits expected from the renewal of the engine are considered in forecasting cash flows. This results in an increase in the estimated future cash flows used to determine value in use at the end of 20X0. As a consequence, in accordance with paragraphs 95 and 96 of HKAS 36, the recoverable amount of the plane is recalculated at the end of 20X4.

A5. In HKAS 37 *Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets*, the footnote in paragraph 14(a) is deleted.

A6. HKAS 38 *Intangible Assets* is amended as described below.

Standard

In paragraph 7 the following definition is added:

Entity-specific value is the present value of the cash flows an entity expects to arise from the continuing use of an asset and from its disposal at the end of its useful life or expects to incur when settling a liability.

In paragraph 7 the following definitions are amended:

Depreciable amount is the cost of an asset, or other amount substituted for cost, less its residual value.

~~*Cost is the amount of cash or cash equivalents paid and the fair value of the other consideration given to acquire an asset at the time of its acquisition or production.*~~

~~*The residual value of an intangible asset is the estimated amount that an entity would currently obtain from disposal of the asset, after deducting the estimated costs of disposal, if the asset were already of the age and in the condition expected at the end of its useful life.*~~

~~*Useful life is:*~~

~~*(a) the period over which an asset is expected to be available for use by an entity; or*~~

~~*(b) the number of production or similar units expected to be obtained from the asset by an entity.*~~

~~Paragraph 18 and the immediately preceding heading are amended to read as follows:~~

~~Recognition and Measurement~~

~~18. The recognition of an item as an intangible asset requires an entity to demonstrate that the item meets:~~

~~(a) the definition of an intangible asset (see paragraphs 7-17); and~~

~~(b) the recognition criteria set out in this Standard (see paragraphs 19-55).~~

~~This is the case for costs incurred initially to acquire or internally generate an intangible asset and those incurred subsequently to add to, replace part of, or service it.~~

~~Paragraph 18A is added:~~

~~18A. The nature of intangible assets is such that, in many cases, there are no additions to an asset or replacements of part of an asset. Accordingly, most subsequent expenditures are likely to maintain the future economic benefits embodied in an existing intangible asset rather than meet the definition of an intangible asset and the recognition criteria set out in this Standard. In addition, it is often difficult to attribute subsequent expenditure directly to a particular intangible asset rather than to the business as a whole. Therefore, only rarely will subsequent expenditure—expenditure incurred after the initial recognition of a purchased intangible asset or after completion of an internally generated intangible asset—be recognised in the carrying amount of an asset. Consistently with paragraph 51, subsequent expenditure on brands, mastheads, publishing titles, customer lists and items similar in substance (whether externally purchased or internally generated) is always recognised in profit or loss as incurred to avoid the recognition of internally generated goodwill.~~

~~Paragraph 24 is amended to read as follows:~~

~~24. The cost of an intangible asset comprises:~~

- ~~(a) its purchase price, including import duties and non-refundable purchase taxes, after deducting trade discounts and rebates; and~~
- ~~(b) any directly attributable cost of preparing the asset for its intended use.~~

~~Paragraphs 24A-24D are added:~~

~~24A. Examples of directly attributable costs are:~~

- ~~(a) costs of employee benefits (as defined in HKAS 19 *Employee Benefits*) arising directly from bringing the asset to its working condition; and~~
- ~~(b) professional fees.~~

~~24B. Examples of costs that are not a cost of an intangible asset are:~~

- ~~(a) costs of introducing a new product or service (including costs of advertising and promotional activities);~~
- ~~(b) costs of conducting business in a new location or with a new class of customer (including costs of staff training); and~~
- ~~(c) administration and other general overhead costs.~~

~~24C. Recognition of costs in the carrying amount of an intangible asset ceases when it is in the condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management. Therefore, costs incurred in using or redeploying an intangible asset are not included in the carrying amount of that asset. For example, the following costs are not included in the carrying amount of an intangible asset:~~

- ~~(a) costs incurred while an asset capable of operating in the manner intended by management has yet to be brought into use; and~~
- ~~(b) initial operating losses, such as those incurred while demand for the asset's output builds up.~~

~~24D. Some operations occur in connection with the development of an intangible asset, but are not necessary to bring the asset to the condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management. These incidental operations may occur before or during the development activities. Because incidental operations are not necessary to bring an asset to the condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management, the income and related expenses of incidental operations are recognised in profit or loss and included in their respective classifications of income and expense.~~

~~Paragraph 34 is amended to read as follows:—~~

~~34. — One or more intangible assets may be acquired in exchange for a non-monetary asset or assets, or a combination of monetary and non-monetary assets. The following discussion refers simply to an exchange of one non-monetary asset for another, but it also applies to all the exchanges described in the preceding sentence. The cost of such an intangible asset is measured at fair value unless (a) the exchange transaction lacks commercial substance or (b) the fair value of neither the asset received nor the asset given up is reliably measurable. The acquired asset is measured in this way even if an entity cannot immediately derecognise the asset given up. If the acquired asset is not measured at fair value, its cost is measured at the carrying amount of the asset given up.—~~

~~Paragraphs 34A and 34B are added:—~~

~~34A. — An entity determines whether an exchange transaction has commercial substance by considering the extent to which its future cash flows are expected to change as a result of the transaction. An exchange transaction has commercial substance if:—~~

- ~~(a) the configuration (risk, timing and amount) of the cash flows of the asset received differs from the configuration of the cash flows of the asset transferred; or—~~
- ~~(b) the entity specific value of the portion of the entity's operations affected by the transaction changes as a result of the exchange; and—~~
- ~~(c) the difference in (a) or (b) is significant relative to the fair value of the assets exchanged.—~~

~~— For the purpose of determining whether an exchange transaction has commercial substance, the entity specific value of the portion of the entity's operations affected by the transaction shall reflect post tax cash flows. The result of these analyses may be clear without an entity having to perform detailed calculations.—~~

~~34B. — Paragraph 19(b) specifies that a condition for the recognition of an intangible asset is that the cost of the asset can be measured reliably. The fair value of an intangible asset for which comparable market transactions do not exist is reliably measurable if (a) the variability in the range of reasonable fair value estimates is not significant for that asset or (b) the probabilities of the various estimates within the range can be reasonably assessed and used in estimating fair value. If an entity is able to determine reliably the fair value of either the asset received or the asset given up, then the fair value of the asset given up is used to measure cost unless the fair value of the asset received is more clearly evident.—~~

~~Paragraph 35 is deleted.~~

~~Paragraph 54 is amended to read as follows:~~

~~54. The cost of an internally generated intangible asset comprises all directly attributable costs necessary to create, produce, and prepare the asset to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management. Examples of directly attributable costs are:~~

- ~~(a) costs of materials and services used or consumed in generating the intangible asset;~~
- ~~(b) costs of employee benefits (as defined in HKAS 19 *Employee Benefits*) arising from the generation of the intangible asset;~~
- ~~(c) fees to register a legal right; and~~
- ~~(d) amortisation of patents and licences that are used to generate the intangible asset.~~

~~HKAS 23 *Borrowing Costs* specifies criteria for the recognition of interest as an element of the cost of an internally generated intangible asset.~~

~~The heading preceding paragraphs 60–62 is deleted.~~

~~Paragraphs 60 and 61 are deleted.~~

~~Paragraph 62 is deleted, its content having been moved to paragraph 18A.~~

~~The heading preceding paragraph 63 is amended to read as follows:~~

~~Measurement After Recognition~~

~~Paragraphs 76 and 77 are amended to read as follows:~~

~~76. *If an intangible asset's carrying amount is increased as a result of a revaluation, the increase shall be credited directly to equity under the heading of revaluation surplus. However, the increase shall be recognised in profit or loss to the extent that it reverses a revaluation decrease of the same asset previously recognised in profit or loss.*~~

~~77. *If an intangible asset's carrying amount is decreased as a result of a revaluation, the decrease shall be recognised in profit or loss. However, the decrease shall be debited directly to equity under the heading of revaluation surplus to the extent of any credit balance existing in the revaluation surplus in respect of that asset.*~~

~~Paragraphs 79 and 80 are amended to read as follows:~~

~~79. *The depreciable amount of an intangible asset shall be allocated on a systematic basis over its useful life. There is a rebuttable presumption that the useful life of an intangible asset will not exceed twenty years.*~~

~~from the date when the asset is available for use. Amortisation shall begin when the asset is available for use. Amortisation shall cease when the asset is derecognised.~~

80. ~~Amortisation is recognised even if there has been an increase in, for example, the asset's fair value or recoverable amount. Many factors are considered in determining the useful life of an intangible asset, including:~~
- ~~(a) the expected usage of the asset by the entity and whether the asset could be managed efficiently by another management team;~~
 - ~~(b) typical product life cycles for the asset and public information on estimates of useful lives of similar assets that are used in a similar way;~~
 - ~~(c) technical, technological, commercial or other types of obsolescence;~~
 - ~~(d) the stability of the industry in which the asset operates and changes in the market demand for the products or services output from the asset;~~
 - ~~(e) expected actions by competitors or potential competitors;~~
 - ~~(f) the level of maintenance expenditure required to obtain the expected future economic benefits from the asset and an entity's ability and intent to reach such a level;~~
 - ~~(g) the period of control over the asset and legal or similar limits on the use of the asset, such as the expiry dates of related leases; and~~
 - ~~(h) whether the useful life of the asset is dependent on the useful life of other assets of the entity.~~

~~Paragraphs 88-90 are amended to read as follows:~~

~~88. The amortisation method used shall reflect the pattern in which the asset's future economic benefits are expected to be consumed by the entity. If that pattern cannot be determined reliably, the straight-line method shall be used. The amortisation charge for each period shall be recognised in profit or loss unless another Standard permits or requires it to be included in the carrying amount of another asset.~~

~~89. A variety of amortisation methods can be used to allocate the depreciable amount of an asset on a systematic basis over its useful life. These methods include the straight-line method, the diminishing-balance method and the units-of-production method. The method used is selected based on the expected pattern of consumption of the future economic benefits embodied in the asset and is applied consistently from period to~~

~~period, unless there is a change in the expected pattern of consumption of those future economic benefits. There is rarely, if ever, persuasive evidence to support an amortisation method for intangible assets that results in a lower amount of accumulated amortisation than under the straight-line method.~~

~~90. Amortisation is usually recognised in profit or loss. However, sometimes, the future economic benefits embodied in an asset are absorbed in producing other assets. In this case, the amortisation charge constitutes part of the cost of the other asset and is included in its carrying amount. For example, the amortisation of intangible assets used in a production process is included in the carrying amount of inventories (see HKAS 2 *Inventories*).~~

~~Paragraph 93 is amended to read as follows:~~

~~93. An estimate of an asset's residual value is based on the amount recoverable from disposal using prices prevailing at the date of the estimate for the sale of a similar asset that has reached the end of its useful life and has operated under conditions similar to those in which the asset will be used. The residual value is reviewed at least at each financial year end. A change in the asset's residual value is accounted for as a change in an accounting estimate in accordance with HKAS 8 *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors*.~~

~~Paragraph 93A is added:~~

~~93A. The residual value of an intangible asset may increase to an amount equal to or greater than the asset's carrying amount. If it does, the asset's amortisation charge is zero unless and until its residual value subsequently decreases to an amount below the asset's carrying amount.~~

~~Paragraphs 94 and 95 are amended to read as follows:~~

~~94. *The amortisation period and the amortisation method shall be reviewed at least at each financial year end. If the expected useful life of the asset is different from previous estimates, the amortisation period shall be changed accordingly. If there has been a change in the expected pattern of consumption of the future economic benefits embodied in the asset, the amortisation method shall be changed to reflect the changed pattern. Such changes shall be accounted for as changes in accounting estimates in accordance with HKAS 8.*~~

~~95. During the life of an intangible asset, it may become apparent that the estimate of its useful life is inappropriate. For example, the recognition of an impairment loss may indicate that the amortisation period needs to be changed.~~

~~Paragraphs 103 and 104 are amended to read as follows:~~

~~103. An intangible asset shall be derecognised:~~

~~(a) on disposal; or~~

~~(b) when no future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal.~~

~~104. The gain or loss arising from the derecognition of an intangible asset shall be determined as the difference between the net disposal proceeds, if any, and the carrying amount of the asset. It shall be included in profit or loss when the asset is derecognised (unless HKAS 17 requires otherwise on a sale and leaseback). Gains shall not be classified as revenue.~~

~~Paragraphs 104A-104C are added:~~

~~104A. The disposal of an intangible asset may occur in a variety of ways (eg by sale, by entering into a finance lease, or by donation). In determining the date of disposal of such an asset, an entity applies the criteria in HKAS 18 Revenue for recognising revenue from the sale of goods. HKAS 17 applies to disposal by a sale and leaseback.~~

~~104B. If under the recognition principle in paragraph 19 an entity recognises in the carrying amount of an asset the cost of a replacement for part of an intangible asset, then it derecognises the carrying amount of the replaced part. If it is not practicable for an entity to determine the carrying amount of the replaced part, it may use the cost of the replacement as an indication of what the cost of the replaced part was at the time it was acquired or internally generated.~~

~~104C. The consideration receivable on disposal of an intangible asset is recognised initially at its fair value. If payment for the intangible asset is deferred, the consideration received is recognised initially at the cash price equivalent. The difference between the nominal amount of the consideration and the cash price equivalent is recognised as interest revenue in accordance with HKAS 18 reflecting the effective yield on the receivable.~~

~~Paragraph 105 is deleted.~~

~~Paragraph 106 is amended to read as follows:~~

~~106. Amortisation does not cease when the intangible asset is no longer used or is held for disposal unless the asset has been fully depreciated.~~

In paragraph 107, the sentence “*Comparative information is not required.*” is deleted.

Paragraph 111(e) is amended to read as follows:

- (e) ~~the amount of contractual commitments for the acquisition of intangible assets.~~

~~Paragraph 113(a)(iii) is amended to read as follows:~~

- ~~(iii) the carrying amount that would have been recognised had the revalued class of intangible assets been carried under the benchmark treatment in paragraph 63; and~~

~~Paragraph 113(b) is amended to read as follows and paragraph 113(e) is added:~~

- ~~(b) the amount of the revaluation surplus that relates to intangible assets at the beginning and end of the period, indicating the changes during the period and any restrictions on the distribution of the balance to shareholders; and~~
- ~~(e) the methods and significant assumptions applied in estimating the assets’ fair values.~~

~~Paragraph 121A is added:~~

- ~~121A. The requirements of paragraphs 34-34B regarding the initial measurement of an intangible asset acquired in an exchange of assets transaction shall be applied prospectively only to future transactions.~~

~~A7. [Not used]~~

~~A8. In HKAS Int 21 *Income Taxes – Recovery of Revalued Non-Depreciable Assets*, paragraphs 3-5 are amended to read as follows:~~

- ~~3. The issue is how to interpret the term “recovery” in relation to an asset that is not depreciated (non-depreciable asset) and is revalued in accordance with paragraph 31 of HKAS 16.~~
- ~~4. This Interpretation also applies to investment properties that are carried at revalued amounts under HKAS 40.33 but would be considered non-depreciable if HKAS 16 were to be applied.~~
- ~~5. The deferred tax liability or asset that arises from the revaluation of a non-depreciable asset in accordance with HKAS 16.31 shall be measured on the basis of the tax consequences that would follow from recovery of the carrying amount of that asset through sale, regardless of the basis of measuring the carrying amount of that asset. Accordingly, if the tax law specifies a tax rate applicable to the taxable amount derived~~

~~from the sale of an asset that differs from the tax rate applicable to the taxable amount derived from using an asset, the former rate is applied in measuring the deferred tax liability or asset related to a non-depreciable asset.~~

A9. ~~In HKAS Int 22 *Business Combinations—Subsequent Adjustment of Fair Values and Goodwill Initially Reported*, the Basis for Conclusions should be read as follows:~~

~~BASIS FOR CONCLUSIONS~~

~~[The original text has been marked up to reflect the revision of HKAS 16 in 2003; new text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.]~~

~~10. Under HKAS 22.71, unless an adjustment to the carrying amount of identifiable assets and liabilities is appropriately recognised as an adjustment to goodwill or negative goodwill, it is recognised as income or expense. However, this does not change the accounting subsequent to the date of the acquisition under Standards which require or permit items to be credited or charged directly to equity. For example, for an adjustment made to the value initially recognised as acquired property, plant and equipment which is revalued subsequent to the date of the acquisition under HKAS 16.2931, the related revaluation surplus included in equity under paragraph 3739 of HKAS 16 is determined based on the adjusted fair value of the acquired property, plant and equipment. However, under paragraph 5 of this Interpretation, a decrease to the amount initially assigned to the asset would also result in an adjustment to decrease depreciation of the asset; this decrease would be reflected as a reduction to depreciation expense.~~

A10. ~~In HKAS Int 32 *Intangible Assets—Web Site Costs*, paragraph 9(d) is amended to read as follows:~~

~~(d) the Operating stage begins once development of a web site is complete. Expenditure incurred in this stage shall be recognised as an expense when it is incurred unless it meets the recognition criteria in HKAS 38.19.~~

~~The Basis for Conclusions should be read as follows:~~

~~BASIS FOR CONCLUSIONS~~

~~17. Once development of a web site is complete, an enterprise begins the activities described in the Operating stage. Subsequent expenditure to enhance or maintain an enterprise's own web site is recognised as an expense when incurred unless it meets the recognition criteria in HKAS 38.60. HKAS 38.61 explains that if the expenditure is required to maintain the asset at its originally assessed standard of performance, then the expenditure is recognised as an expense when incurred.*~~

~~* HKAS 16 *Property, Plant and Equipment* as revised in 2003 requires all subsequent costs to be covered by its general recognition principle and eliminated the requirement to reference the originally assessed standard of performance. HKAS 38 was amended as a consequence of the change to HKAS 16 and the paragraphs specifically referred to were eliminated. This paragraph has been struck through to avoid any confusion.~~

~~A11.— In December 2002 the Financial Accounting Standards Committee invited comments on an Exposure Draft of Proposed Amendments to IAS 36 *Impairment of Assets* and IAS 38 *Intangible Assets* published by the International Accounting Standards Board (“the Board”). The Board’s proposed amendments to IAS 36 and IAS 38 reflect changes related to its decisions in its Business Combinations project. Because that project is still under way, those corresponding proposed changes are not reflected in the amendments to HKAS 36 and HKAS 38 included in this appendix.~~

~~A12.— In July 2003 the Financial Accounting Standards Committee invited comments on ED 4 *Disposal of Non-current Assets and Presentation of Discontinued Operations* published by the Board in which it proposed amendments to IAS 38 and to IAS 40 *Investment Property*. Those corresponding proposed changes are not reflected in the amendments to HKAS 38 and IAS 40 included in this appendix.~~

Appendix

Amendments resulting from other HKFRSs

The following sets out amendments required for this Standard resulting from other newly issued HKFRSs that are not yet effective. Once effective, the amendments set out below will be incorporated into the text of this Standard and this appendix will be deleted. In the amended paragraphs shown below, new text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.

HKAS 23 *Borrowing Costs* (issued in June 2007) - effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009

Paragraph 23 is amended as follows:

- 23 The cost of an item of property, plant and equipment is the cash price equivalent at the recognition date. If payment is deferred beyond normal credit terms, the difference between the cash price equivalent and the total payment is recognised as interest over the period of credit unless such interest is recognised in the carrying amount of the item capitalised in accordance with the allowed alternative treatment in HKAS 23.

HKAS 1 *Presentation of Financial Statements* (issued in December 2007) - effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009

Paragraphs 39 and 40 are amended as follows:

- 39 If an asset's carrying amount is increased as a result of a revaluation, the increase shall be credited directly to equity recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity under the heading of revaluation surplus. However ...
- 40 If an asset's ... However, the decrease shall be ~~debited directly to equity under the heading of revaluation surplus~~ recognised in other comprehensive income to the extent of any credit balance existing in the revaluation surplus in respect of that asset. The decrease recognised in other comprehensive income reduces the amount accumulated in equity under the heading of revaluation surplus.

In paragraph 73(e)(iv), 'recognised or reversed directly in equity' is amended to 'recognised or reversed in other comprehensive income'.

Paragraph 81B is added as follows:

81B **HKAS 1 *Presentation of Financial Statements* (as revised in 2007) amended the terminology used throughout HKFRSs. In addition it amended paragraphs 39, 40 and 73(e)(iv). An entity shall apply those amendments for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009. If an entity applies HKAS 1 (revised 2007) for an earlier period, the amendments shall be applied for that earlier period.**

HKFRS 3 *Business Combinations* (issued in March 2008) - effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2009

Paragraph 44 is amended as follows:

- 44 An entity allocates the amount initially recognised in respect of an item of property, plant and equipment to its significant parts and depreciates separately each such part. For example, it may be appropriate to depreciate separately the airframe and engines of an aircraft, whether owned or subject to a finance lease. Similarly, if an entity acquires property, plant and equipment subject to an operating lease in which it is the lessor, it may be appropriate to depreciate separately amounts reflected in the cost of that item that are attributable to favourable or unfavourable lease terms relative to market terms.

Paragraph 81C is added as follows:

- 81C HKFRS 3 *Business Combinations* (as revised in 2008) amended paragraph 44. An entity shall apply that amendment for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2009. If an entity applies HKFRS 3 (revised 2008) for an earlier period, the amendment shall also be applied for that earlier period.**

Basis for Conclusions Property, Plant and Equipment

This Basis for Conclusions accompanies, but is not part of, HKAS 16.

HKAS 16 is based on IAS 16 *Property, Plant and Equipment*. In approving HKAS 16, the Council of the Hong Kong Society of Accountants considered and agreed with the IASB's basis for conclusions on IAS 16 (as revised 2003). Accordingly, there are no significant differences between HKAS 16 and IAS 16. The IASB's basis for conclusions is reproduced below for reference. The paragraph numbers of IAS 16 referred to below generally correspond with those in HKAS 16.

Introduction

- BC1. This Basis for Conclusions summarises the Statements of Standard Accounting Practice Board's considerations in reaching its conclusions on revising IAS 16 *Property, Plant and Equipment* in 2003. Individual Board members gave greater weight to some factors than to others.
- BC2. In July 2001 the Board announced that, as part of its initial agenda of technical projects, it would undertake a project to improve a number of Standards, including IAS 16. The project was undertaken in the light of queries and criticisms raised in relation to the Standards by securities regulators, professional accountants and other interested parties. The objectives of the Improvements project were to reduce or eliminate alternatives, redundancies and conflicts within Standards, to deal with some convergence issues and to make other improvements. In May 2002 the Board published its proposals in an Exposure Draft of *Improvements to International Accounting Standards*, with a comment deadline of 16 September 2002. The Board received over 160 comment letters on the Exposure Draft.
- BC3. Because the Board's intention was not to reconsider the fundamental approach to the accounting for property, plant and equipment that was established by IAS 16, this Basis for Conclusions does not discuss requirements in IAS 16 that the Board has not reconsidered.

Scope

- BC4. The Board clarified that the requirements of IAS 16 apply to items of property, plant and equipment that an entity uses to develop or maintain (a) biological assets and (b) mineral rights and mineral reserves such as oil, natural gas and similar non-regenerative resources. The Board noted that items of property, plant and equipment that an entity uses for these purposes possess the same characteristics as other items of property, plant and equipment.

Recognition

- BC5. In considering potential improvements to the previous version of IAS 16, the Board reviewed its subsequent expenditure recognition principle for two reasons. First, the existing subsequent expenditure recognition principle did not align with the asset recognition principle in the *Framework*. Second, the Board noted difficulties in practice in making the distinction it required between expenditures that maintain, and those that enhance, an item of property, plant and equipment. Some expenditures seem to do both.
- BC6. The Board ultimately decided that the separate recognition principle for subsequent expenditure was not needed. As a result, an entity will evaluate all its property, plant and equipment costs under IAS 16's general recognition principle. Also, if the cost of a replacement for part of an item of property, plant and equipment is recognised in the carrying amount of an asset, then an entity will derecognise the carrying amount of what was replaced to avoid carrying both the replacement and the replaced portion as assets. This derecognition occurs whether or not what is replaced is a part of an item that the entity depreciates separately.
- BC7. The Board's decision on how to handle the recognition principles was not reached easily. In the Exposure Draft (ED), the Board proposed to include within IAS 16's general recognition principle only the recognition of subsequent expenditures that are replacements of a part of an item of property, plant and equipment. Also in the ED, the Board proposed to modify the subsequent expenditure recognition principle to distinguish more clearly the expenditures to which it would continue to apply.
- BC8. Respondents to the ED agreed that it was appropriate for subsequent expenditures that were replacements of a part of an item of property, plant and equipment that an entity depreciated separately to be covered by the general recognition principle. However, the respondents argued, and the Board agreed, that the modified second principle was not clearer because it would result in an entity recognising in the carrying amount of an asset and then depreciating subsequent expenditures that were for the day-to-day servicing of items of property, plant and equipment, those that might commonly be regarded as for 'repairs and maintenance'. That result was not the Board's intention.
- BC9. In its redeliberation of the ED, the Board concluded it could not retain the proposed modified subsequent expenditure recognition principle. It also concluded that it could not revert to the subsequent expenditure principle in the previous version of IAS 16 because, if it did, nothing was improved; the *Framework* conflict was not resolved and the practice issues were not addressed.
- BC10. The Board concluded that it was best for all subsequent expenditures to be covered by IAS 16's general recognition principle. This solution had the following advantages:
- (a) use of IAS 16's general recognition principle fits the *Framework*.
 - (b) use of a single recognition principle is a straightforward approach.
 - (c) retaining IAS 16's general recognition principle and combining it with the derecognition principle will result in financial statements that reflect what is occurring, ie both the flow of property, plant and equipment through an entity and the economics of the acquisition and disposal process.

- (d) use of one recognition principle fosters consistency. With two principles, consistency is not achieved unless it is clear when each should apply. Because IAS 16 does not address what constitutes an ‘item’ of property, plant and equipment, this clarity was not assured because some might characterise a particular cost as the initial cost of a new item of property, plant and equipment and others might regard it as a subsequent cost of an existing item of property, plant and equipment.

- BC11. As a consequence of placing all subsequent expenditures under IAS 16’s general recognition principle, the Board also included those expenditures under IAS 16’s derecognition principle. In the ED, the Board proposed the derecognition of the carrying amount of a part of an item that was depreciated separately and was replaced by a subsequent expenditure that an entity recognised in the carrying amount of the asset under the general recognition principle. With this change, replacements of a part of an item that are not depreciated separately are subject to the same approach.
- BC12. The Board noted that some subsequent expenditures on property, plant and equipment, although arguably incurred in the pursuit of future economic benefits, are not sufficiently certain to be recognised in the carrying amount of an asset under the general recognition principle. Thus, the Board decided to state in the Standard that an entity recognises in profit or loss as incurred the costs of the day-to-day servicing of property, plant and equipment.

Measurement at Recognition

Asset Dismantlement, Removal and Restoration Costs

- BC13. The previous version of IAS 16 previously provided that in initially measuring an item of property, plant and equipment at its cost, an entity would include the cost of dismantling and removing that item and restoring the site on which it is located to the extent it had recognised an obligation for that cost. As part of its deliberations, the Board evaluated whether it could improve this guidance by addressing associated issues that have arisen in practice.
- BC14. The Board concluded that the relatively limited scope of the Improvements project warranted addressing only one matter. That matter was whether the cost of an item of property, plant and equipment should include the initial estimate of the cost of dismantlement, removal and restoration that an entity incurs as a consequence of using the item (instead of as a consequence of acquiring it). Therefore, the Board did not address how an entity should account for (a) changes in the amount of the initial estimate of a recognised obligation, (b) the effects of accretion of, or changes in interest rates on, a recognised obligation or (c) the cost of obligations an entity did not face when it acquired the item, such as an obligation triggered by a law change enacted after the asset was acquired.
- BC15. The Board observed that whether the obligation is incurred upon acquisition of the item or while it is being used, its underlying nature and its association with the asset are the same. Therefore, the Board decided that the cost of an item should include the costs of dismantlement, removal or restoration, the obligation for which an entity has incurred as a consequence of having used the item during a particular period other than to produce inventories during that period. An entity applies IAS 2 *Inventories* to the costs of these obligations that are incurred as a consequence of having used the item during a particular period to produce inventories during that period. The Board observed that accounting for these costs initially in accordance with IAS 2

acknowledges their nature. Furthermore, doing so achieves the same result as including these costs as an element of the cost of an item of property, plant and equipment, depreciating them over the production period just completed and identifying the depreciation charge as a cost to produce another asset (inventory), in which case the depreciation charge constitutes part of the cost of that other asset.

BC16. The Board noted that because IAS 16's initial measurement provisions are not affected by an entity's subsequent decision to carry an item under the cost model or the revaluation model, the Board's decision applies to assets that an entity carries under either treatment.

Asset Exchange Transactions

BC17. Paragraph 22 of the previous version of IAS 16 indicated that if (a) an item of property, plant and equipment is acquired in exchange for a similar asset that has a similar use in the same line of business and has a similar fair value or (b) an item of property, plant and equipment is sold in exchange for an equity interest in a similar asset, then no gain or loss is recognised on the transaction. The cost of the new asset is the carrying amount of the asset given up (rather than the fair value of the purchase consideration given for the new asset).

BC18. This requirement in the previous version of IAS 16 was consistent with views that:

- (a) gains should not be recognised on exchanges of assets unless the exchanges represent the culmination of an earning process;
- (b) exchanges of assets of a similar nature and value are not a substantive event warranting the recognition of gains; and
- (c) requiring or permitting the recognition of gains from such exchanges enables entities to 'manufacture' gains by attributing inflated values to the assets exchanged, if the assets do not have observable market prices in active markets.

BC19. The approach described above raised issues about how to identify whether assets exchanged are similar in nature and value. The Board reviewed this topic, and noted views that:

- (a) under the *Framework*, the recognition of income from an exchange of assets does not depend on whether the assets exchanged are dissimilar;
- (b) income is not necessarily earned only at the culmination of an earning process, and in some cases it is arbitrary to determine when an earning process culminates;
- (c) generally, under both measurement bases after recognition that are permitted under IAS 16, gain recognition is not deferred beyond the date at which assets are exchanged; and
- (d) removing 'existing carrying amount' measurement of property, plant and equipment acquired in exchange for similar assets would increase the consistency of measurement of acquisitions of assets.

- BC20. The Board decided to require in IAS 16 that all items of property, plant and equipment acquired in exchange for non-monetary assets or a combination of monetary and non-monetary assets should be measured at fair value, except that, if the exchange transaction lacks commercial substance or the fair value of neither of the assets exchanged can be determined reliably, then the cost of the asset acquired in the exchange should be measured at the carrying amount of the asset given up.
- BC21. The Board added the ‘commercial substance’ test in response to a concern raised in the comments it received on the ED. This concern was that, under the Board’s proposal, an entity would measure at fair value an asset acquired in a transaction that did not have commercial substance, ie the transaction did not have a discernible effect on an entity’s economics. The Board agreed that requiring an evaluation of commercial substance would help to give users of the financial statements assurance that the substance of a transaction in which the acquired asset is measured at fair value (and often, consequentially, a gain on the disposal of the transferred asset is recognised in income) is the same as its legal form.
- BC22. The Board concluded that in evaluating whether a transaction has commercial substance, an entity should calculate the present value of the post-tax cash flows that it can reasonably expect to derive from the portion of its operations affected by the transaction. The discount rate should reflect the entity’s current assessment of the time value of money and the risks specific to those operations rather than those that market place participants would make.
- BC23. The Board included the ‘reliable measurement’ test for using fair value to measure these exchanges to minimise the risk that entities could ‘manufacture’ gains by attributing inflated values to the assets exchanged. Taking into consideration its project for the convergence of IFRSs and US GAAP, the Board discussed whether to change the manner in which its ‘reliable measurement’ test is described. The Board observed this was unnecessary because it believes that its guidance and that contained in US GAAP are intended to have the same meaning.
- BC24. The Board decided to retain, in IAS 18 *Revenue*, its prohibition on recognising revenue from exchanges or swaps of goods or services of a similar nature and value. The Board has on its agenda a project on revenue recognition and does not propose to make any significant amendments to IAS 18 until that project is completed.

Measurement After Recognition

Revaluation Model

- BC25. The Board is taking part in research activities with national standard-setters on revaluations of property, plant and equipment. This research is intended to promote international convergence of standards. One of the most important issues is identifying the preferred measurement attribute for revaluations. This research could lead to proposals to amend IAS 16.

Depreciation – Unit of Measure

- BC26. The Board's discussions about the potential improvements to the depreciation principle in the previous version of IAS 16 included consideration of the unit of measure an entity uses to depreciate its items of property, plant and equipment. Of particular concern to the Board were situations in which the unit of measure is the 'item as a whole' even though that item may be composed of significant parts with individually varying useful lives or consumption patterns. The Board did not believe that, in these situations, an entity's use of approximation techniques, such as a weighted average useful life for the item as a whole, resulted in depreciation that faithfully represents an entity's varying expectations for the significant parts.
- BC27. The Board sought to improve the previous version of IAS 16 by proposing in the ED revisions to existing guidance on separating an item into its parts and then further clarifying in the Standard the need for an entity to depreciate separately any significant parts of an item of property, plant and equipment. By doing so an entity will also separately depreciate the item's remainder.

Depreciation – Depreciable Amount

- BC28. During its discussion of depreciation principles, the Board noted the concern that, under the cost model, the previously version of IAS 16 does not state clearly why an entity deducts an asset's residual value from its cost to determine the asset's depreciable amount. Some argue that the objective is one of precision, ie reducing the amount of depreciation so that it reflects the item's net cost. Others argue that the objective is one of economics, ie stopping depreciation if, because of inflation or otherwise, an entity expects that during its useful life an asset will increase in value by an amount greater than it will diminish.
- BC29. The Board decided to improve the previous version of IAS 16 by making clear the objective of deducting a residual value in determining an asset's depreciable amount. In doing so, the Board did not adopt completely either the 'net cost' or the 'economics' objective. Given the concept of depreciation as a cost allocation technique, the Board concluded that an entity's expectation of increases in an asset's value, because of inflation or otherwise, does not override the need to depreciate it. Thus, the Board changed the definition of residual value to the amount an entity could receive for the asset currently (at the financial reporting date) if the asset were already as old and worn as it will be when the entity expects to dispose of it. Thus, an increase in the expected residual value of an asset because of past events will affect the depreciable amount; expectations of future changes in residual value other than the effects of expected wear and tear will not.

Depreciation – Depreciation Period

- BC30. The Board decided that the useful life of an asset should encompass the entire time it is available for use, regardless of whether during that time it is in use or is idle. Idle periods most commonly occur just after an asset is acquired and just before it is disposed of, the latter while the asset is held either for sale or for another form of disposal.

- BC31. The Board concluded that, whether idle or not, it is appropriate to depreciate an asset with a limited useful life so that the financial statements reflect the consumption of the asset's service potential that occurs while the asset is held. The Board also discussed but decided not to address the measurement of assets held for sale. The Board concluded that whether to apply a different measurement model to assets held for sale—which may or may not be idle—was a different question and was beyond the scope of the Improvements project.
- BC32. In July 2003 the Board published ED 4 *Disposal of Non-current Assets and Presentation of Discontinued Operations*. ED 4 was published as part of the Board's short-term convergence project, the scope of which was broader than that of the Improvements project. In ED 4, the Board proposed that an entity should classify some of its assets as 'assets held for sale' if specified criteria are met. Among other things, the Board proposed that an entity should cease depreciating an asset classified in this manner, irrespective of whether the asset is idle. The basis for this proposal was that the carrying amount of an asset held for sale will be recovered principally through sale rather than future operations, and therefore accounting for the asset should be a process of valuation rather than allocation. The Board will amend IAS 16 accordingly when ED 4 is finalised.

Depreciation – Depreciation Method

- BC33. The Board considered how an entity should account for a change in a depreciation method. The Board concluded that a change in a depreciation method is a change in the technique used to apply the entity's accounting policy to recognise depreciation as an asset's future economic benefits are consumed. Therefore, it is a change in an accounting estimate.

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Derecognition Date

- BC34. The Board decided that an entity should apply the revenue recognition principle in IAS 18 *Revenue* for sales of goods to its gains from the sales of items of property, plant and equipment. The requirements in that principle ensure the representational faithfulness of an entity's recognised revenue. Representational faithfulness is also the appropriate objective for an entity's recognised gains. However, in IAS 16, the revenue recognition principle's criteria drive derecognition of the asset disposed of rather than recognition of the proceeds received. Applying the principle instead to the recognition of the proceeds might lead to the conclusion that an entity will recognise a deferred gain. Deferred gains do not meet the definition of a liability under the *Framework*. Thus, the Board decided that an entity does not derecognise an item of property, plant and equipment until the requirements in IAS 18 to recognise revenue on the sale of goods are met.

Gain Classification

- BC35. Although the Board concluded that an entity should apply the recognition principle for revenue from sales of goods to its recognition of gains on disposals of items of property, plant and equipment, the Board concluded that the respective approaches to income statement display should differ. The Board concluded that users of financial statements would consider these gains and the proceeds from an entity's sale of goods in the course of its ordinary activities differently in their evaluation of an entity's past results and their projections of future cash flows. This is because revenue from the

sale of goods is typically more likely to recur in comparable amounts than are gains from sales of items of property, plant and equipment. Accordingly, the Board concluded that an entity should not classify as revenue gains on disposals of items of property, plant and equipment.

Transitional Provisions

BC36. The Board concluded that it would be impracticable for an entity to determine retrospectively whether a previous transaction involving an exchange of non-monetary assets had commercial substance. This is because it would not be possible for management to avoid using hindsight in making the necessary estimates as of earlier dates. Accordingly, the Board decided that in accordance with the provisions of IAS 8 an entity should consider commercial substance only in evaluating the initial measurement of future transactions involving an exchange of non-monetary assets.

Summary of Changes From the Exposure Draft

BC37. The main changes from the ED proposals to the revised Standard are as follows.

- (a) The ED contained two recognition principles, one applying to subsequent expenditures on existing items of property, plant and equipment. The Standard contains a single recognition principle that applies to costs incurred initially to acquire an item and costs incurred subsequently to add to, replace part of or service an item. An entity applies the recognition principle to the latter costs at the time it incurs them.
- (b) Under the approach proposed in the ED, an entity measured an item of property, plant and equipment acquired in exchange for a non-monetary asset at fair value irrespective of whether the exchange transaction in which it was acquired had commercial substance. Under the Standard, a lack of commercial substance is cause for an entity to measure the acquired asset at the carrying amount of the asset given up.
- (c) Compared with the Standard, the ED did not as clearly set out the principle that an entity separately depreciates at least the parts of an item of property, plant and equipment that are of significant cost.
- (d) Under the approach proposed in the ED, an entity derecognised the carrying amount of a replaced part of an item of property, plant and equipment if it recognised in the carrying amount of the asset the cost of the replacement under the general recognition principle. In the Standard, an entity also applies this approach to a replacement of a part of an item that is not depreciated separately.
- (e) In finalising the Standard, the Board identified further necessary consequential amendments to IFRS 1, IAS 14, IAS 34, IAS 36, IAS 37, IAS 38, IAS 40, SIC-13, SIC-21, SIC-22 and SIC-32.

Table of Concordance

This table shows how the contents of the superseded SSAP 17 and the current HKAS 16 correspond. Paragraphs are treated as corresponding if they broadly address the same matter even though their guidance may differ.

The table also shows how the requirements of Interpretation 5 have been incorporated into the current HKAS 16.

Superseded SSAP 17 paragraph	Current HKAS 16 paragraph
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