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

**INVITATION TO COMMENT ON IASB EXPOSURE DRAFT CLARIFICATION OF
ACCEPTABLE METHODS OF DEPRECIATION AND AMORTISATION
(PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO IAS 16 AND IAS 38)**

Comments to be received by 1 March 2013

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

<http://www.hkicpa.org.hk/en/standards-and-regulations/standards/financial-reporting/exposure-drafts/>.

As stated in the IASB's press release, accompanying the Exposure Draft, IAS 16 *Property, Plant and Equipment* and IAS 38 *Intangible Assets* both establish the principle for the basis of depreciation and amortisation as being the expected pattern of consumption of the future economic benefits of an asset. The objective of the proposed amendments is to ensure that preparers do not use revenue-based methods to calculate charges for the depreciation or amortisation of items of property, plant and equipment or intangible assets. This is because a revenue-based method reflects a pattern of economic benefits being generated from the asset, rather than the expected pattern of consumption of the future economic benefits embodied in the asset.

The issue originated from a submission to the IFRS Interpretations Committee. As a result, the Interpretations Committee recommended that the IASB should amend IAS 16 and IAS 38.

The FRSC invites your comments on the proposals. Comments should be supported by specific reasoning and should be submitted in written form. To allow your comments to be considered, in developing its response to the IASB, the FRSC requests your comments to be received by the Institute on or before **1 March 2013**.

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