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IFRS FOUNDATION MONITORING BOARD: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) Foundation Monitoring Board invites nominations of suitable candidates for its expanded membership.

In 2010, the Monitoring Board commenced a review of the IFRS Foundation's current governance arrangements to assess whether they promote the primary mission of the Foundation of developing through the IASB high quality, understandable, enforceable and globally accepted accounting standards, and provide for both the accountability and independence of the IASB.

In February 2012, the Monitoring Board published its Final Report on the Review of the IFRS Foundation's Governance. In the report, it was recommended that the Monitoring Board would expand its membership (up to four) to include additional authorities primarily from major emerging markets. Following this recommendation, the Monitoring Board agreed on the membership criteria as stated in its [press release](#) on 1 March 2013.

Candidates for membership

The Monitoring Board will select a maximum of four members. While the Monitoring Board will endeavor to process membership applications as quickly as possible, it is possible that not all four new positions will necessarily be added to the Monitoring Board immediately and more may be added later.

Membership Criteria

Prospective members must demonstrate to the Monitoring Board that they satisfy the criteria for membership. This includes, among other things, being a capital markets authority responsible for setting the form and content of financial reporting in its jurisdiction. A full list of membership criteria is provided in Appendix A.

Nominations

Nominations and applications are invited by the end of June 2013 to the following e-mail address: mb-callfornomination@fsa.go.jp. Please note that those wishing to apply for membership should first complete the questionnaire in Appendix B. A Word version of Appendix B can be downloaded [here](#). Applicants should send an email with the completed questionnaire attached.

Note

1. Prospective Monitoring Board members are expected to agree on the “CHARTER OF THE IFRSF MONITORING BOARD” and “MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO STRENGTHEN THE INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS FOUNDATION.” These will be updated in accordance with the recommendations of Monitoring Board Governance Review. The Monitoring Board is currently working on updating them, and they are expected to be published shortly.
2. Monitoring Board membership will be assessed periodically every three years, starting in 2013, with possible *ad hoc* reviews as appropriate. Beginning with the 2016 periodic review of members against the membership criteria, the Monitoring Board will evaluate the mechanisms used in member jurisdictions to integrate IFRSs into the reporting regimes for domestic issuers and the extent to which they contribute to the prominence of IFRSs in the member’s capital market.

Membership Criteria:

General

- (a) The member must be a capital market authority responsible for setting the form and content of financial reporting in its jurisdiction; with a responsibility to protect and advance the public interest; and strongly committed to supporting the development of high quality international accounting standards.

Use of IFRSs

- (b) The jurisdiction has made a clear commitment to moving towards application of IFRSs and promoting global acceptance of a single set of high quality international accounting standards as the final goal. This commitment is evidenced by the jurisdiction mandating or permitting application of IFRSs to consolidated financial statements of companies raising capital in its relevant market with the effect of actually exhibiting prominence of IFRS application, or having made a decision on a transition to such a status to take place in a reasonable period of time.
- (c) The IFRSs to be applied should be essentially aligned with IFRSs developed by the IASB, with possible exceptions limited to cases where certain standards or parts thereof are not relevant for economic or other conditions or could be contrary to public interest in the jurisdiction. Any flaw in following due process in developing certain standards or parts thereof could also allow for exceptions or temporary suspensions.

Quantitative elements

- (d) The jurisdiction can be regarded a major market for capital-raising in the global context based on the size of market capitalization, the number of listed companies and cross-border capital activity.

Qualitative elements

- (e) The jurisdiction makes financial contributions to the setting of IFRSs on a continuing basis.

- (f) The jurisdiction has in place and in operation a robust enforcement mechanism to ensure proper implementation of relevant accounting standards.
- (g) The relevant national or regional standard-setting body, where it exists, is committed to actively contributing to the development of IFRSs.

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Information on the Respondent	
Country	
Organization	
Contact : Name	
Title	
E-mail address	

If you need more space to continue your answers, please attach an additional sheet and specify the question numbers.

I. Introduction

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Name of organization primarily responsible for regulating and enforcing compliance with accounting standards in financial reports for the jurisdiction (not including bodies that only set accounting standards).	
<p>Has the jurisdiction made a clear commitment to moving toward application of IFRSs and promoting global acceptance of a single set of high quality international accounting standards as the final goal?</p> <p>(If the answer is “Yes,” please specify the evidence of your commitment.)</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>

II. Use of IFRSs in consolidated financial statements of listed companies

A. Current situation

1. Detail of IFRSs used in the jurisdiction

<p>(i) Has the jurisdiction applied IFRSs to consolidated financial statements of companies raising capital in the relevant market with the effect of actually exhibiting prominence of IFRS application?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>(ii) When and how was the decision made to introduce IFRSs or to converge the national GAAP with IFRSs?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>(iii) When and how was this set of accounting standards first applied?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>(iv) Was the set of accounting standards introduced:</p> <p>A: all at once /</p> <p>B: <u>not</u> all at once (gradual approach) /</p> <p>C: in another manner</p> <p>If the timing of the first application of the accounting standards was deferred depending on the nature of companies (e.g., companies of certain size or industries), please describe the criteria.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/></p>

(v) Does an endorsement mechanism exist? How is it ensured that IFRS are properly endorsed? Is the endorsing entity permitted to create exceptions under an endorsement mechanism? Please describe the detailed system.

(vi) Are there any major differences between the set of accounting standards in the jurisdiction and IFRSs as issued by IASB? If the answer is “Yes”, please describe them.

(vii) Does the jurisdiction have in place and in operation a robust enforcement mechanism to ensure proper implementation of relevant accounting standards? How does the jurisdiction make use of international information sharing arrangements (e.g. IOSCO MMOU)?

2. Mandatory/ voluntary application of IFRSs

(i) Please describe data in the jurisdiction’s market, including the size of market capitalization, the number of listed companies and cross-border capital activity, with references.

(ii) Is the application of IFRSs mandated to all or specific companies raising capital in the relevant market in the jurisdiction?

If so, please specify the criteria and elaborate on the proportion, the number and the amount of market capitalization of the companies which are mandated to apply IFRSs.

(iii) Is the application of IFRSs permitted for all or specific companies raising capital in the relevant market in the jurisdiction?

If so, please specify the criteria and elaborate on the proportion, the number and the amount of market capitalization of the companies which are permitted to apply IFRSs.

3. Contribution to the development of IFRSs

(i) Does a relevant national or regional standard-setting body exist in the jurisdiction? If so, is that standard-setting body committed to actively contributing to the development of IFRSs?

III. Financial Contribution

<p>(i) Does the jurisdiction currently make financial contributions to the setting of IFRSs on a continuous basis? If so, please describe the jurisdiction's contribution, including the name of contributing bodies and contribution amounts.</p> <hr/>
<p>(ii) Does the jurisdiction intend to keep making financial contributions in the future? If so, please describe the way the jurisdiction plan to contribute.</p> <hr/>

IV. Acceptance

<p>Once selected as a member of the IFRSF Monitoring Board, will the jurisdiction accept “CHARTER OF THE IFRSF MONITORING BOARD” and “MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO STRENGTHEN THE INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS FOUNDATION”?</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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