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COMPILATION DETAILS

Accounting Standard AASB 1 *First-time Adoption of Australian Accounting Standards* as amended

This compiled Standard applies to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2011 but before 1 July 2011. It takes into account amendments up to and including 27 October 2010 and was prepared on 26 November 2010 by the staff of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB).

This compilation is not a separate Accounting Standard made by the AASB. Instead, it is a representation of AASB 1 (May 2009) as amended by other Accounting Standards, which are listed in the Table below.

Table of Standards

Standard	Date made	Application date (annual reporting periods ... on or after ...)	Application, saving or transitional provisions
AASB 1	21 May 2009	<i>(beginning)</i> 1 July 2009	see (a) below
AASB 2009-9	24 Sep 2009	<i>(beginning)</i> 1 Jan 2010	see (b) below
AASB 2009-11	7 Dec 2009	<i>(beginning)</i> 1 Jan 2013	not compiled*
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AASB 2010-1	3 Feb 2010	<i>(beginning)</i> 1 Jul 2010	see (d) below
AASB 2010-4	23 Jun 2010	<i>(beginning)</i> 1 Jan 2011	see (e) below
AASB 2010-2	30 Jun 2010	<i>(beginning)</i> 1 Jul 2013	not compiled*
AASB 2010-5	27 Oct 2010	<i>(beginning)</i> 1 Jan 2011	see (e) below
AASB 2010-6	8 Nov 2010	<i>(beginning)</i> 1 Jul 2011	not compiled*

* The amendments made by this Standard are not included in this compilation, which presents the principal Standard as applicable to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2011 but before 1 July 2011.

- (a) Entities may elect to apply this Standard to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2005 but before 1 July 2009.
- (b) Entities may elect to apply this Standard to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2005 but before 1 January 2010.
- (c) Entities may elect to apply this Standard to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2005 but before 1 July 2010, provided that Interpretation 19 *Extinguishing Financial Liabilities with Equity Instruments* is also applied to such periods.

- (d) Entities may elect to apply this Standard to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2005 but before 1 July 2010.
- (e) Entities may elect to apply this Standard to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2005 but before 1 January 2011.

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27	amended	AASB 2010-4 [8]
27A	added	AASB 2010-4 [8]
31A (and preceding heading)	added	AASB 2009-9 [6]
31B (and preceding heading)	added	AASB 2010-4 [8]
32	amended	AASB 2010-4 [8]
39A	added	AASB 2009-9 [7]
39C	added renumbered as 39D added	AASB 2010-1 [6] AASB 2010-5 [10] AASB 2010-5 [11]
39E	added	AASB 2010-4 [8]
A, definition of 'IFRSs'	amended	AASB 2010-5 [12]
C4	amended	AASB 2010-5 [13]
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D15	amended	AASB 2010-5 [15]
D21A	added	AASB 2009-9 [8]
D25 (and preceding heading)	added	AASB 2009-13 [5]
E3 (and preceding heading)	added	AASB 2010-1 [7]

COMPARISON WITH IFRS 1

AASB 1 *First-time Adoption of Australian Accounting Standards* as amended incorporates IFRS 1 *First-time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards* as issued and amended by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB). Paragraphs that have been added to this Standard (and do not appear in the text of IFRS 1) are identified with the prefix “Aus”, followed by the number of the preceding IASB paragraph and decimal numbering. Paragraphs that apply only to not-for-profit entities begin by identifying their limited applicability.

Entities that comply with AASB 1 as amended will simultaneously be in compliance with IFRS 1 as amended, with the exception of not-for-profit public sector entities applying paragraph Aus3.2.

ACCOUNTING STANDARD AASB 1

The Australian Accounting Standards Board made Accounting Standard AASB 1 *First-time Adoption of Australian Accounting Standards* under section 334 of the *Corporations Act 2001* on 21 May 2009.

This compiled version of AASB 1 applies to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2011 but before 1 July 2011. It incorporates relevant amendments contained in other AASB Standards made by the AASB up to and including 27 October 2010 (see Compilation Details).

ACCOUNTING STANDARD AASB 1

FIRST-TIME ADOPTION OF AUSTRALIAN ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

Objective

- 1 The objective of this Standard is to ensure that an entity's *first Australian-Accounting-Standards financial statements*, and its interim financial reports for part of the period covered by those financial statements, contain high quality information that:
- (a) is transparent for users and comparable over all periods presented;
 - (b) provides a suitable starting point for accounting in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards¹; and
 - (c) can be generated at a cost that does not exceed the benefits.

Application

Aus1.1 This Standard applies to:

- (a) **each entity that is required to prepare financial reports in accordance with Part 2M.3 of the Corporations Act and that is a reporting entity;**

¹ The term 'Australian Accounting Standards' refers to Standards (including Interpretations) made by the AASB that apply to any reporting period beginning on or after 1 January 2005.

- (b) **general purpose financial statements of each other reporting entity; and**
- (c) **financial statements that are, or are held out to be, general purpose financial statements.**

Aus1.2 This Standard applies to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 July 2009.

[Note: For application dates of paragraphs changed or added by an amending Standard, see Compilation Details.]

Aus1.3 This Standard may be applied to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2005 but before 1 July 2009. If an entity applies this Standard to an annual reporting period beginning before 1 July 2009, it shall disclose that fact.

Aus1.4 The requirements specified in this Standard apply to the financial statements where information resulting from their application is material in accordance with AASB 1031 *Materiality*.

Aus1.5 When applied or operative, this Standard supersedes AASB 1 *First-time Adoption of Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards* issued in July 2004, as amended.

Scope

- 2 An entity shall apply this Standard in:
 - (a) its first Australian-Accounting-Standards financial statements; and
 - (b) each interim financial report, if any, that it presents in accordance with AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* for part of the period covered by its first Australian-Accounting-Standards financial statements.
- 3 An entity's first Australian-Accounting-Standards financial statements are the first annual financial statements in which the entity adopts Australian Accounting Standards, by an explicit and unreserved statement in those financial statements of compliance with Australian Accounting Standards. Financial statements in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards are an entity's first Australian-Accounting-Standards financial statements if, for example, the entity:

- (a) presented its most recent previous financial statements:
 - (i) in accordance with national requirements that are not consistent with Australian Accounting Standards or *International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs)* in all respects;
 - (ii) in conformity with Australian Accounting Standards or IFRSs in all respects, except that the financial statements did not contain an explicit and unreserved statement that they complied with Australian Accounting Standards or IFRSs;
 - (iii) containing an explicit statement of compliance with some, but not all, Australian Accounting Standards or IFRSs;
 - (iv) in accordance with national requirements inconsistent with Australian Accounting Standards or IFRSs, using some individual Australian Accounting Standards or IFRSs to account for items for which national requirements did not exist; or
 - (v) in accordance with national requirements, with a reconciliation of some amounts to the amounts determined in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards or IFRSs;
- (b) prepared financial statements in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards or IFRSs for internal use only, without making them available to the entity's owners or any other external users;
- (c) prepared a reporting package in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards or IFRSs for consolidation purposes without preparing a complete set of financial statements as defined in AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements* (as revised in 2007); or
- (d) did not present financial statements for previous periods.

Aus3.1 The conditions specified in paragraph 3 for the application of this Standard are satisfied when the first financial statements after this Standard becomes effective contain a statement that the financial statements comply with Australian Accounting Standards, in accordance with paragraph Aus15.2 of AASB 101.

- Aus3.2 In rare circumstances, a not-for-profit public sector entity may experience extreme difficulties in complying with the requirements of certain Australian Accounting Standards due to information deficiencies that have caused the entity to state non-compliance with *previous GAAP*. In these cases, the conditions specified in paragraph 3 for the application of this Standard are taken to be satisfied provided the entity:
- (a) discloses in its first Australian-Accounting-Standards financial statements:
 - (i) an explanation of information deficiencies and its strategy for rectifying those deficiencies; and
 - (ii) the Australian Accounting Standards that have not been complied with; and
 - (b) makes an explicit and unreserved statement of compliance with other Australian Accounting Standards for which there are no information deficiencies.
- 4 This Standard applies when an entity first adopts Australian Accounting Standards. It does not apply when, for example, an entity:
- (a) stops presenting financial statements in accordance with national requirements, having previously presented them as well as another set of financial statements that contained an explicit and unreserved statement of compliance with Australian Accounting Standards or IFRSs;
 - (b) presented financial statements in the previous year in accordance with national requirements and those financial statements contained an explicit and unreserved statement of compliance with Australian Accounting Standards or IFRSs; or
 - (c) presented financial statements in the previous year that contained an explicit and unreserved statement of compliance with Australian Accounting Standards or IFRSs, even if the auditors qualified their audit report on those financial statements.
- 5 This Standard does not apply to changes in accounting policies made by an entity that already applies Australian Accounting Standards. Such changes are the subject of:
- (a) requirements on changes in accounting policies in AASB 108 *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors*; and

- (b) specific transitional requirements in other Australian Accounting Standards.

Recognition and measurement

Opening Australian-Accounting-Standards statement of financial position

- 6 An entity shall prepare and present an *opening Australian-Accounting-Standards statement of financial position* at the *date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards*. This is the starting point for its accounting in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

Accounting policies

- 7 **An entity shall use the same accounting policies in its opening Australian-Accounting-Standards statement of financial position and throughout all periods presented in its first Australian-Accounting-Standards financial statements. Those accounting policies shall comply with each Australian Accounting Standard effective at the end of its *first Australian-Accounting-Standards reporting period*, except as specified in paragraphs 13-19 and Appendices B-E.**
- 8 An entity shall not apply different versions of Australian Accounting Standards that were effective at earlier dates. An entity may apply a new Standard that is not yet mandatory if that Standard permits early application.

Example: Consistent application of latest version of Australian Accounting Standards

Background

The end of entity A's first Australian-Accounting-Standards reporting period is 31 December 20X5. Entity A decides to present comparative information in those financial statements for one year only (see paragraph 21). Therefore, its date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards is the beginning of business on 1 January 20X4 (or, equivalently, close of business on 31 December 20X3). Entity A presented financial statements in accordance with its previous GAAP annually to 31 December each year up to, and including, 31 December 20X4.

Application of requirements

Entity A is required to apply the Australian Accounting Standards effective for periods ending on 31 December 20X5 in:

- (a) preparing and presenting its opening Australian-Accounting-Standards statement of financial position at 1 January 20X4; and
- (b) preparing and presenting its statement of financial position for 31 December 20X5 (including comparative amounts for 20X4), statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year to 31 December 20X5 (including comparative amounts for 20X4) and disclosures (including comparative information for 20X4).

If a new Standard is not yet mandatory but permits early application, entity A is permitted, but not required, to apply that Standard in its first Australian-Accounting-Standards financial statements.

- 9 The transitional provisions in other Australian Accounting Standards apply to changes in accounting policies made by an entity that already uses Australian Accounting Standards; they do not apply to a *first-time adopter's* transition to Australian Accounting Standards, except as specified in Appendices B-E.
- 10 Except as described in paragraphs 13-19 and Appendices B-E, an entity shall, in its opening Australian-Accounting-Standards statement of financial position:
 - (a) recognise all assets and liabilities whose recognition is required by Australian Accounting Standards;
 - (b) not recognise items as assets or liabilities if Australian Accounting Standards do not permit such recognition;
 - (c) reclassify items that it recognised in accordance with previous GAAP as one type of asset, liability or component of equity, but are a different type of asset, liability or component of equity in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards; and
 - (d) apply Australian Accounting Standards in measuring all recognised assets and liabilities.
- 11 The accounting policies that an entity uses in its opening Australian-Accounting-Standards statement of financial position may differ from those that it used for the same date using its previous GAAP. The resulting adjustments arise from events and transactions before the date

of transition to Australian Accounting Standards. Therefore, an entity shall recognise those adjustments directly in retained earnings (or, if appropriate, another category of equity) at the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards.

- 12 This Standard establishes two categories of exceptions to the principle that an entity's opening Australian-Accounting-Standards statement of financial position shall comply with each Australian Accounting Standard:
- (a) paragraphs 14-17 and Appendix B prohibit retrospective application of some aspects of other Australian Accounting Standards.
 - (b) Appendices C-E grant exemptions from some requirements of other Australian Accounting Standards.

Exceptions to the retrospective application of other Australian Accounting Standards

- 13 This Standard prohibits retrospective application of some aspects of other Australian Accounting Standards. These exceptions are set out in paragraphs 14-17 and Appendix B.

Estimates

- 14 **An entity's estimates in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards at the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards shall be consistent with estimates made for the same date in accordance with previous GAAP (after adjustments to reflect any difference in accounting policies), unless there is objective evidence that those estimates were in error.**
- 15 An entity may receive information after the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards about estimates that it had made under previous GAAP. In accordance with paragraph 14, an entity shall treat the receipt of that information in the same way as non-adjusting events after the reporting period in accordance with AASB 110 *Events after the Reporting Period*. For example, assume that an entity's date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards is 1 January 20X4 and new information on 15 July 20X4 requires the revision of an estimate made in accordance with previous GAAP at 31 December 20X3. The entity shall not reflect that new information in its opening Australian-Accounting-Standards statement of financial position (unless the estimates need adjustment for any differences in accounting policies or there is objective evidence that the estimates

were in error). Instead, the entity shall reflect that new information in profit or loss (or, if appropriate, other comprehensive income) for the year ended 31 December 20X4.

- 16 An entity may need to make estimates in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards at the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards that were not required at that date under previous GAAP. To achieve consistency with AASB 110, those estimates in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards shall reflect conditions that existed at the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards. In particular, estimates at the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards of market prices, interest rates or foreign exchange rates shall reflect market conditions at that date.
- 17 Paragraphs 14-16 apply to the opening Australian-Accounting-Standards statement of financial position. They also apply to a comparative period presented in an entity's first Australian-Accounting-Standards financial statements, in which case the references to the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards are replaced by references to the end of that comparative period.

Exemptions from other Australian Accounting Standards

- 18 An entity may elect to use one or more of the exemptions contained in Appendices C-E. An entity shall not apply these exemptions by analogy to other items.
- 19 Some exemptions in Appendices C-E refer to *fair value*. In determining fair values in accordance with this Standard, an entity shall apply the definition of fair value in Appendix A and any more specific guidance in other Australian Accounting Standards on the determination of fair values for the asset or liability in question. Those fair values shall reflect conditions that existed at the date for which they were determined.

Presentation and disclosure

- 20 This Standard does not provide exemptions from the presentation and disclosure requirements in other Australian Accounting Standards.

Comparative information

- 21 To comply with AASB 101, an entity's first Australian-Accounting-Standards financial statements shall include at least three statements of financial position, two statements of comprehensive income, two separate income statements (if presented), two statements of cash flows

and two statements of changes in equity and related notes, including comparative information.

Non-Australian-Accounting-Standards comparative information and historical summaries

- 22 Some entities present historical summaries of selected data for periods before the first period for which they present full comparative information in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards. This Standard does not require such summaries to comply with the recognition and measurement requirements of Australian Accounting Standards. Furthermore, some entities present comparative information in accordance with previous GAAP as well as the comparative information required by AASB 101. In any financial statements containing historical summaries or comparative information in accordance with previous GAAP, an entity shall:
- (a) label the previous GAAP information prominently as not being prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards; and
 - (b) disclose the nature of the main adjustments that would make it comply with Australian Accounting Standards. An entity need not quantify those adjustments.

Explanation of transition to Australian Accounting Standards

- 23 **An entity shall explain how the transition from previous GAAP to Australian Accounting Standards affected its reported financial position, financial performance and cash flows.**

Reconciliations

- 24 To comply with paragraph 23, an entity's first Australian-Accounting-Standards financial statements shall include:
- (a) reconciliations of its equity reported in accordance with previous GAAP to its equity in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards for both of the following dates:
 - (i) the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards; and

- (ii) the end of the latest period presented in the entity's most recent annual financial statements in accordance with previous GAAP.
 - (b) a reconciliation to its total comprehensive income in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards for the latest period in the entity's most recent annual financial statements. The starting point for that reconciliation shall be total comprehensive income in accordance with previous GAAP for the same period or, if an entity did not report such a total, profit or loss under previous GAAP.
 - (c) if the entity recognised or reversed any impairment losses for the first time in preparing its opening Australian-Accounting-Standards statement of financial position, the disclosures that AASB 136 *Impairment of Assets* would have required if the entity had recognised those impairment losses or reversals in the period beginning with the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards.
- 25 The reconciliations required by paragraph 24(a) and (b) shall give sufficient detail to enable users to understand the material adjustments to the statement of financial position and statement of comprehensive income. If an entity presented a statement of cash flows under its previous GAAP, it shall also explain the material adjustments to the statement of cash flows.
- 26 If an entity becomes aware of errors made under previous GAAP, the reconciliations required by paragraph 24(a) and (b) shall distinguish the correction of those errors from changes in accounting policies.
- 27 AASB 108 does not apply to the changes in accounting policies an entity makes when it adopts Australian Accounting Standards or to changes in those policies until after it presents its first Australian-Accounting-Standards financial statements. Therefore, AASB 108's requirements about changes in accounting policies do not apply in an entity's first Australian-Accounting-Standards financial statements.
- 27A If during the period covered by its first Australian-Accounting-Standards financial statements an entity changes its accounting policies or its use of the exemptions contained in this Standard, it shall explain the changes between its first Australian-Accounting-Standards interim financial report and its first Australian-Accounting-Standards financial statements, in accordance with paragraph 23, and it shall update the reconciliations required by paragraph 24(a) and (b).

- 28 If an entity did not present financial statements for previous periods, its first Australian-Accounting-Standards financial statements shall disclose that fact.

Designation of financial assets or financial liabilities

- 29 An entity is permitted to designate a previously recognised financial asset or financial liability as a financial asset or financial liability at fair value through profit or loss or a financial asset as available for sale in accordance with paragraph D19. The entity shall disclose the fair value of financial assets or financial liabilities designated into each category at the date of designation and their classification and carrying amount in the previous financial statements.

Use of fair value as deemed cost

- 30 If an entity uses fair value in its opening Australian-Accounting-Standards statement of financial position as *deemed cost* for an item of property, plant and equipment, an investment property or an intangible asset (see paragraphs D5 and D7), the entity's first Australian-Accounting-Standards financial statements shall disclose, for each line item in the opening Australian-Accounting-Standards statement of financial position:
- (a) the aggregate of those fair values; and
 - (b) the aggregate adjustment to the carrying amounts reported under previous GAAP.

Use of deemed cost for investments in subsidiaries, jointly controlled entities and associates

- 31 Similarly, if an entity uses a deemed cost in its opening Australian-Accounting-Standards statement of financial position for an investment in a subsidiary, jointly controlled entity or associate in its separate financial statements (see paragraph D15), the entity's first Australian-Accounting-Standards separate financial statements shall disclose:
- (a) the aggregate deemed cost of those investments for which deemed cost is their previous GAAP carrying amount;
 - (b) the aggregate deemed cost of those investments for which deemed cost is fair value; and
 - (c) the aggregate adjustment to the carrying amounts reported under previous GAAP.

Use of deemed cost for oil and gas assets

- 31A If an entity uses the exemption in paragraph D8A(b) for oil and gas assets, it shall disclose that fact and the basis on which carrying amounts determined under previous GAAP were allocated.

Use of deemed cost for operations subject to rate regulation

- 31B If an entity uses the exemption in paragraph D8B for operations subject to rate regulation, it shall disclose that fact and the basis on which carrying amounts were determined under previous GAAP.

Interim financial reports

- 32 To comply with paragraph 23, if an entity presents an interim financial report in accordance with AASB 134 for part of the period covered by its first Australian-Accounting-Standards financial statements, the entity shall satisfy the following requirements in addition to the requirements of AASB 134:
- (a) Each such interim financial report shall, if the entity presented an interim financial report for the comparable interim period of the immediately preceding financial year, include:
 - (i) a reconciliation of its equity in accordance with previous GAAP at the end of that comparable interim period to its equity under Australian Accounting Standards at that date; and
 - (ii) a reconciliation to its total comprehensive income in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards for that comparable interim period (current and year to date). The starting point for that reconciliation shall be total comprehensive income in accordance with previous GAAP for that period or, if an entity did not report such a total, profit or loss in accordance with previous GAAP.
 - (b) In addition to the reconciliations required by (a), an entity's first interim financial report in accordance with AASB 134 for part of the period covered by its first Australian-Accounting-Standards financial statements shall include the reconciliations described in paragraph 24(a) and (b) (supplemented by the details required by paragraphs 25 and 26) or a cross reference to another published document that includes these reconciliations.
 - (c) If an entity changes its accounting policies or its use of the exemptions contained in this Standard, it shall explain the

changes in each such interim financial report in accordance with paragraph 23 and update the reconciliations required by (a) and (b).

- 33 AASB 134 requires minimum disclosures, which are based on the assumption that users of the interim financial report also have access to the most recent annual financial statements. However, AASB 134 also requires an entity to disclose 'any events or transactions that are material to an understanding of the current interim period'. Therefore, if a first-time adopter did not, in its most recent annual financial statements in accordance with previous GAAP, disclose information material to an understanding of the current interim period, its interim financial report shall disclose that information or include a cross-reference to another published document that includes it.

Effective date

- 34 An entity shall apply this Standard if its first Australian-Accounting-Standards financial statements are for an annual reporting period beginning on or after 1 July 2009. Earlier application is permitted.
- 35 AASB 2007-6 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 123* amended paragraphs of the previous version of this Standard that correspond with paragraphs D1(n) and D23 in this version. An entity shall apply the amendments for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 July 2009. If an entity applies AASB 123 *Borrowing Costs* (as revised in 2007) for an earlier period, those amendments shall be applied for that earlier period.
- 36 AASB 2008-3 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 3 and AASB 127* amended paragraphs of the previous version of this Standard that correspond with paragraphs 19, C1 and C4(f) and (g) in this version. If an entity applies AASB 3 *Business Combinations* (revised 2008) for an earlier period, the amendments shall also be applied for that earlier period.
- 37 AASB 2008-3 amended paragraphs of the previous version of this Standard that correspond with paragraphs B1 and B7 in this version. If an entity applies AASB 127 *Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements* (amended 2008) for an earlier period, the amendments shall be applied for that earlier period.
- 38 AASB 2008-7 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Cost of an Investment in a Subsidiary, Jointly Controlled Entity or Associate*, issued in July 2008, added paragraphs to the previous version of this Standard that correspond with paragraphs 31, D1(g),

D14 and D15 in this version. An entity shall apply those paragraphs for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 July 2009. Earlier application is permitted. If an entity applies the paragraphs for an earlier period, it shall disclose that fact.

- 39 The paragraph of the previous version of this Standard that corresponds with paragraph B7 in this version was amended by AASB 2008-6 *Further Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Annual Improvements Project* issued in July 2008. An entity shall apply those amendments for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 July 2009. If an entity applies AASB 127 (amended 2008) for an earlier period, the amendments shall be applied for that earlier period.
- 39A AASB 2009-9 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Additional Exemptions for First-time Adopters*, issued in September 2009, added paragraphs 31A, D8A, D9A and D21A and amended paragraph D1(c), (d) and (l). An entity shall apply those amendments for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2010. Earlier application is permitted. If an entity applies the amendments for an earlier period it shall disclose that fact.
- 39C AASB 2009-13 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from Interpretation 19*, issued in December 2009, added paragraph D25. An entity shall apply that amendment when it applies Interpretation 19 *Extinguishing Financial Liabilities with Equity Instruments* as identified in AASB 1048 *Interpretation of Standards*.
- 39D AASB 2010-1 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Limited Exemption from Comparative AASB 7 Disclosures for First-time Adopters*, issued in February 2010, added paragraph E3. An entity shall apply that amendment for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 July 2010. Earlier application is permitted. If an entity applies the amendment for an earlier period, it shall disclose that fact.
- 39E AASB 2010-4 *Further Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Annual Improvements Project* issued in June 2010 added paragraphs 27A, 31B and D8B and amended paragraphs 27, 32, D1(c) and D8. An entity shall apply those amendments for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2011. Earlier application is permitted. If an entity applies the amendments for an earlier period it shall disclose that fact. Entities that adopted Australian Accounting Standards in periods before the effective date of AASB 1 or applied AASB 1 in a previous period are permitted to apply the amendment to paragraph D8 retrospectively in the first annual reporting period after the amendment is effective. An entity applying paragraph D8 retrospectively shall disclose that fact.

Withdrawal of IFRS 1 (issued 2003)

40 [Deleted by the AASB]

APPENDIX A

DEFINED TERMS

This appendix is an integral part of AASB 1.

date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards	The beginning of the earliest period for which an entity presents full comparative information under Australian Accounting Standards in its first Australian-Accounting-Standards financial statements .
deemed cost	An amount used as a surrogate for cost or depreciated cost at a given date. Subsequent depreciation or amortisation assumes that the entity had initially recognised the asset or liability at the given date and that its cost was equal to the deemed cost.
fair value	The amount for which an asset could be exchanged, or a liability settled, between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction.
first Australian-Accounting-Standards financial statements	The first annual financial statements in which an entity adopts Australian Accounting Standards, by an explicit and unreserved statement of compliance with Australian Accounting Standards.
first Australian-Accounting-Standards reporting period	The latest reporting period covered by an entity's first Australian-Accounting-Standards financial statements .
first-time adopter	An entity that presents its first Australian-Accounting-Standards financial statements .
International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs)	Standards and Interpretations issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB). They comprise: <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) International Financial Reporting Standards;(b) International Accounting Standards;

(c) IFRIC Interpretations; and

(d) SIC Interpretations.¹

**opening
Australian-
Accounting-
Standards
statement of
financial position**

An entity's statement of financial position at the **date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards**.

previous GAAP

The basis of accounting that a **first-time adopter** used immediately before adopting Australian Accounting Standards.

¹ Definition of IFRSs amended after the name changes introduced by the revised Constitution of the IFRS Foundation in 2010.

APPENDIX B

EXCEPTIONS TO THE RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION OF OTHER AUSTRALIAN ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

This appendix is an integral part of AASB 1.

- B1 An entity shall apply the following exceptions:
- (a) derecognition of financial assets and financial liabilities (paragraphs B2 and B3);
 - (b) hedge accounting (paragraphs B4-B6); and
 - (c) non-controlling interests (paragraph B7).

Derecognition of financial assets and financial liabilities

- B2 Except as permitted by paragraph B3, a first-time adopter shall apply the derecognition requirements in AASB 139 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement* prospectively for transactions occurring on or after 1 January 2004. In other words, if a first-time adopter derecognised non-derivative financial assets or non-derivative financial liabilities in accordance with its previous GAAP as a result of a transaction that occurred before 1 January 2004, it shall not recognise those assets and liabilities in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (unless they qualify for recognition as a result of a later transaction or event).
- B3 Notwithstanding paragraph B2, an entity may apply the derecognition requirements in AASB 139 retrospectively from a date of the entity's choosing, provided that the information needed to apply AASB 139 to financial assets and financial liabilities derecognised as a result of past transactions was obtained at the time of initially accounting for those transactions.

Hedge accounting

- B4 As required by AASB 139, at the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards, an entity shall:
- (a) measure all derivatives at fair value; and

- (b) eliminate all deferred losses and gains arising on derivatives that were reported in accordance with previous GAAP as if they were assets or liabilities.

- B5 An entity shall not reflect in its opening Australian-Accounting-Standards statement of financial position a hedging relationship of a type that does not qualify for hedge accounting in accordance with AASB 139 (for example, many hedging relationships where the hedging instrument is a cash instrument or written option; where the hedged item is a net position; or where the hedge covers interest risk in a held-to-maturity investment). However, if an entity designated a net position as a hedged item in accordance with previous GAAP, it may designate an individual item within that net position as a hedged item in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, provided that it does so no later than the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards.
- B6 If, before the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards, an entity had designated a transaction as a hedge but the hedge does not meet the conditions for hedge accounting in AASB 139, the entity shall apply paragraphs 91 and 101 of AASB 139 to discontinue hedge accounting. Transactions entered into before the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards shall not be retrospectively designated as hedges.

Non-controlling interests

- B7 A first-time adopter shall apply the following requirements of AASB 127 *Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements* (as amended in 2008) prospectively from the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards:
- (a) the requirement in paragraph 28 that total comprehensive income is attributed to the owners of the parent and to the non-controlling interests even if this results in the non-controlling interests having a deficit balance;
 - (b) the requirements in paragraphs 30 and 31 for accounting for changes in the parent's ownership interest in a subsidiary that do not result in a loss of control; and
 - (c) the requirements in paragraphs 34-37 for accounting for a loss of control over a subsidiary, and the related requirements of paragraph 8A of AASB 5 *Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations*.

However, if a first-time adopter elects to apply AASB 3 *Business Combinations* (as revised in 2008) retrospectively to past business combinations, it also shall apply AASB 127 (as amended in 2008) in accordance with paragraph C1 of this Standard.

APPENDIX C

EXEMPTIONS FOR BUSINESS COMBINATIONS

This appendix is an integral part of AASB 1. An entity shall apply the following requirements to business combinations that the entity recognised before the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards.

- C1 A first-time adopter may elect not to apply AASB 3 *Business Combinations* (as revised in 2008) retrospectively to past business combinations (business combinations that occurred before the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards). However, if a first-time adopter restates any business combination to comply with AASB 3 (as revised in 2008), it shall restate all later business combinations and shall also apply AASB 127 *Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements* (as amended in 2008) from that same date. For example, if a first-time adopter elects to restate a business combination that occurred on 30 June 20X6, it shall restate all business combinations that occurred between 30 June 20X6 and the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards, and it shall also apply AASB 127 (amended 2008) from 30 June 20X6.
- C2 An entity need not apply AASB 121 *The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates* retrospectively to fair value adjustments and goodwill arising in business combinations that occurred before the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards. If the entity does not apply AASB 121 retrospectively to those fair value adjustments and goodwill, it shall treat them as assets and liabilities of the entity rather than as assets and liabilities of the acquiree. Therefore, those goodwill and fair value adjustments either are already expressed in the entity's functional currency or are non-monetary foreign currency items, which are reported using the exchange rate applied in accordance with previous GAAP.
- C3 An entity may apply AASB 121 retrospectively to fair value adjustments and goodwill arising in either:
- (a) all business combinations that occurred before the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards; or
 - (b) all business combinations that the entity elects to restate to comply with AASB 3, as permitted by paragraph C1 above.

- C4 If a first-time adopter does not apply AASB 3 retrospectively to a past business combination, this has the following consequences for that business combination:
- (a) The first-time adopter shall keep the same classification (as an acquisition by the legal acquirer, a reverse acquisition by the legal acquiree, or a uniting of interests) as in its previous GAAP financial statements.
 - (b) The first-time adopter shall recognise all its assets and liabilities at the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards that were acquired or assumed in a past business combination, other than:
 - (i) some financial assets and financial liabilities derecognised in accordance with previous GAAP (see paragraph B2); and
 - (ii) assets, including goodwill, and liabilities that were not recognised in the acquirer's consolidated statement of financial position in accordance with previous GAAP and also would not qualify for recognition in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards in the separate statement of financial position of the acquiree (see (f)-(i) below).

The first-time adopter shall recognise any resulting change by adjusting retained earnings (or, if appropriate, another category of equity), unless the change results from the recognition of an intangible asset that was previously subsumed within goodwill (see (g)(i) below).

- (c) The first-time adopter shall exclude from its opening Australian Accounting Standards statement of financial position any item recognised in accordance with previous GAAP that does not qualify for recognition as an asset or liability under Australian Accounting Standards. The first-time adopter shall account for the resulting change as follows:
 - (i) the first-time adopter may have classified a past business combination as an acquisition and recognised as an intangible asset an item that does not qualify for recognition as an asset in accordance with AASB 138 *Intangible Assets*. It shall reclassify that item (and, if any, the related deferred tax and non-controlling interests) as part of goodwill (unless it deducted goodwill directly from equity in accordance with previous GAAP, see (g)(i) and (i) below).

- (ii) the first-time adopter shall recognise all other resulting changes in retained earnings.¹
- (d) Australian Accounting Standards require subsequent measurement of some assets and liabilities on a basis that is not based on original cost, such as fair value. The first-time adopter shall measure these assets and liabilities on that basis in its opening Australian-Accounting-Standards statement of financial position, even if they were acquired or assumed in a past business combination. It shall recognise any resulting change in the carrying amount by adjusting retained earnings (or, if appropriate, another category of equity), rather than goodwill.
- (e) Immediately after the business combination, the carrying amount in accordance with previous GAAP of assets acquired and liabilities assumed in that business combination shall be their deemed cost in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards at that date. If Australian Accounting Standards require a cost-based measurement of those assets and liabilities at a later date, that deemed cost shall be the basis for cost-based depreciation or amortisation from the date of the business combination.
- (f) If an asset acquired, or liability assumed, in a past business combination was not recognised in accordance with previous GAAP, it does not have a deemed cost of zero in the opening Australian-Accounting-Standards statement of financial position. Instead, the acquirer shall recognise and measure it in its consolidated statement of financial position on the basis that Australian Accounting Standards would require in the statement of financial position of the acquiree. To illustrate: if the acquirer had not, in accordance with its previous GAAP, capitalised finance leases acquired in a past business combination, it shall capitalise those leases in its consolidated financial statements, as AASB 117 *Leases* would require the acquiree to do in its Australian-Accounting-Standards statement of financial position. Similarly, if the acquirer had not, in accordance with its previous GAAP, recognised a contingent liability that still exists at the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards, the acquirer shall recognise that contingent liability at that date unless AASB 137 *Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets* would prohibit its recognition in the financial statements of the acquiree. Conversely, if an asset or liability

¹ Such changes include reclassifications from or to intangible assets if goodwill was not recognised in accordance with previous GAAP as an asset. This arises if, in accordance with previous GAAP, the entity (a) deducted goodwill directly from equity or (b) did not treat the business combination as an acquisition.

was subsumed in goodwill in accordance with previous GAAP but would have been recognised separately under AASB 3, that asset or liability remains in goodwill unless Australian Accounting Standards would require its recognition in the financial statements of the acquiree.

- (g) The carrying amount of goodwill in the opening Australian-Accounting-Standards statement of financial position shall be its carrying amount in accordance with previous GAAP at the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards, after the following two adjustments:
- (i) If required by (c)(i) above, the first-time adopter shall increase the carrying amount of goodwill when it reclassifies an item that it recognised as an intangible asset in accordance with previous GAAP. Similarly, if (f) above requires the first-time adopter to recognise an intangible asset that was subsumed in recognised goodwill in accordance with previous GAAP, the first-time adopter shall decrease the carrying amount of goodwill accordingly (and, if applicable, adjust deferred tax and non-controlling interests).
 - (ii) Regardless of whether there is any indication that the goodwill may be impaired, the first-time adopter shall apply AASB 136 *Impairment of Assets* in testing the goodwill for impairment at the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards and in recognising any resulting impairment loss in retained earnings (or, if so required by AASB 136, in revaluation surplus). The impairment test shall be based on conditions at the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards.
- (h) No other adjustments shall be made to the carrying amount of goodwill at the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards. For example, the first-time adopter shall not restate the carrying amount of goodwill:
- (i) to exclude in-process research and development acquired in that business combination (unless the related intangible asset would qualify for recognition in accordance with AASB 138 in the statement of financial position of the acquiree);
 - (ii) to adjust previous amortisation of goodwill;

- (iii) to reverse adjustments to goodwill that AASB 3 would not permit, but were made in accordance with previous GAAP because of adjustments to assets and liabilities between the date of the business combination and the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards.
 - (i) If the first-time adopter recognised goodwill in accordance with previous GAAP as a deduction from equity:
 - (i) it shall not recognise that goodwill in its opening Australian-Accounting-Standards statement of financial position. Furthermore, it shall not reclassify that goodwill to profit or loss if it disposes of the subsidiary or if the investment in the subsidiary becomes impaired.
 - (ii) adjustments resulting from the subsequent resolution of a contingency affecting the purchase consideration shall be recognised in retained earnings.
 - (j) In accordance with its previous GAAP, the first-time adopter may not have consolidated a subsidiary acquired in a past business combination (for example, because the parent did not regard it as a subsidiary in accordance with previous GAAP or did not prepare consolidated financial statements). The first-time adopter shall adjust the carrying amounts of the subsidiary's assets and liabilities to the amounts that Australian Accounting Standards would require in the subsidiary's statement of financial position. The deemed cost of goodwill equals the difference at the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards between:
 - (i) the parent's interest in those adjusted carrying amounts; and
 - (ii) the cost in the parent's separate financial statements of its investment in the subsidiary.
 - (k) The measurement of non-controlling interests and deferred tax follows from the measurement of other assets and liabilities. Therefore, the above adjustments to recognised assets and liabilities affect non-controlling interests and deferred tax.
- C5 The exemption for past business combinations also applies to past acquisitions of investments in associates and of interests in joint ventures. Furthermore, the date selected for paragraph C1 applies equally for all such acquisitions.

APPENDIX D

EXEMPTIONS FROM OTHER AUSTRALIAN ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

This appendix is an integral part of AASB 1.

- D1 An entity may elect to use one or more of the following exemptions:
- (a) share-based payment transactions (paragraphs D2 and D3);
 - (b) insurance contracts (paragraph D4);
 - (c) deemed cost (paragraphs D5-D8B);
 - (d) leases (paragraphs D9 and D9A);
 - (e) employee benefits (paragraphs D10 and D11);
 - (f) cumulative translation differences (paragraphs D12 and D13);
 - (g) investments in subsidiaries, jointly controlled entities and associates (paragraphs D14 and D15);
 - (h) assets and liabilities of subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures (paragraphs D16 and D17);
 - (i) compound financial instruments (paragraph D18);
 - (j) designation of previously recognised financial instruments (paragraph D19);
 - (k) fair value measurement of financial assets or financial liabilities at initial recognition (paragraph D20);
 - (l) decommissioning liabilities included in the cost of property, plant and equipment (paragraphs D21 and D21A);
 - (m) financial assets or intangible assets accounted for in accordance with Interpretation 12 *Service Concession Arrangements* as identified in AASB 1048 *Interpretation of Standards* (paragraph D22);
 - (n) borrowing costs (paragraph D23);

- (o) transfers of assets from customers (paragraph D24); and
- (p) extinguishing financial liabilities with equity instruments (paragraph D25).

An entity shall not apply these exemptions by analogy to other items.

Share-based payment transactions

- D2 A first-time adopter is encouraged, but not required, to apply AASB 2 *Share-based Payment* to equity instruments that were granted on or before 7 November 2002. A first-time adopter is also encouraged, but not required, to apply AASB 2 to equity instruments that were granted after 7 November 2002 and vested before the later of (a) the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards and (b) 1 January 2005. However, if a first-time adopter elects to apply AASB 2 to such equity instruments, it may do so only if the entity has disclosed publicly the fair value of those equity instruments, determined at the measurement date, as defined in AASB 2. For all grants of equity instruments to which AASB 2 has not been applied (e.g. equity instruments granted on or before 7 November 2002), a first-time adopter shall nevertheless disclose the information required by paragraphs 44 and 45 of AASB 2. If a first-time adopter modifies the terms or conditions of a grant of equity instruments to which AASB 2 has not been applied, the entity is not required to apply paragraphs 26-29 of AASB 2 if the modification occurred before the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards.
- D3 A first-time adopter is encouraged, but not required, to apply AASB 2 to liabilities arising from share-based payment transactions that were settled before the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards. A first-time adopter is also encouraged, but not required, to apply AASB 2 to liabilities that were settled before 1 January 2005. For liabilities to which AASB 2 is applied, a first-time adopter is not required to restate comparative information to the extent that the information relates to a period or date that is earlier than 7 November 2002.

Insurance contracts

- D4 A first-time adopter may apply the transitional provisions in AASB 4 *Insurance Contracts*, AASB 1023 *General Insurance Contracts* and AASB 1038 *Life Insurance Contracts*. AASB 4 restricts changes in accounting policies for insurance contracts, including changes made by a first-time adopter.

Deemed cost

- D5 An entity may elect to measure an item of property, plant and equipment at the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards at its fair value and use that fair value as its deemed cost at that date.
- D6 A first-time adopter may elect to use a previous GAAP revaluation of an item of property, plant and equipment at, or before, the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards as deemed cost at the date of the revaluation, if the revaluation was, at the date of the revaluation, broadly comparable to:
- (a) fair value; or
 - (b) cost or depreciated cost in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, adjusted to reflect, for example, changes in a general or specific price index.
- D7 The elections in paragraphs D5 and D6 are also available for:
- (a) investment property, if an entity elects to use the cost model in AASB 140 *Investment Property*; and
 - (b) intangible assets that meet:
 - (i) the recognition criteria in AASB 138 *Intangible Assets* (including reliable measurement of original cost); and
 - (ii) the criteria in AASB 138 for revaluation (including the existence of an active market).
- An entity shall not use these elections for other assets or for liabilities.
- D8 A first-time adopter may have established a deemed cost in accordance with previous GAAP for some or all of its assets and liabilities by measuring them at their fair value at one particular date because of an event such as a privatisation or initial public offering.
- (a) If the measurement date is *at or before* the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards, the entity may use such event-driven fair value measurements as deemed cost for Australian Accounting Standards at the date of that measurement.
 - (b) If the measurement date is *after* the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards, but during the period covered by the first

Australian-Accounting-Standards financial statements, the event-driven fair value measurements may be used as deemed cost when the event occurs. An entity shall recognise the resulting adjustments directly in retained earnings (or if appropriate, another category of equity) at the measurement date. At the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards, the entity shall either establish the deemed cost by applying the criteria in paragraphs D5-D7 or measure assets and liabilities in accordance with the other requirements in this Standard.

D8A Under some national accounting requirements exploration and development costs for oil and gas properties in the development or production phases are accounted for in cost centres that include all properties in a large geographical area. A first-time adopter using such accounting under previous GAAP may elect to measure oil and gas assets at the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards on the following basis:

- (a) exploration and evaluation assets at the amount determined under the entity's previous GAAP; and
- (b) assets in the development or production phases at the amount determined for the cost centre under the entity's previous GAAP. The entity shall allocate this amount to the cost centre's underlying assets pro rata using reserve volumes or reserve values as of that date.

The entity shall test exploration and evaluation assets and assets in the development and production phases for impairment at the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards in accordance with AASB 6 *Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources* or AASB 136 respectively and, if necessary, reduce the amount determined in accordance with (a) or (b) above. For the purposes of this paragraph, oil and gas assets comprise only those assets used in the exploration, evaluation, development or production of oil and gas.

D8B Some entities hold items of property, plant and equipment or intangible assets that are used, or were previously used, in operations subject to rate regulation. The carrying amount of such items might include amounts that were determined under previous GAAP but do not qualify for capitalisation in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards. If this is the case, a first-time adopter may elect to use the previous GAAP carrying amount of such an item at the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards as deemed cost. If an entity applies this exemption to an item, it need not apply it to all items. At the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards, an entity shall test for impairment in accordance with AASB 136 each

item for which this exemption is used. For the purposes of this paragraph, operations are subject to rate regulation if they provide goods or services to customers at prices (i.e. rates) established by an authorised body empowered to establish rates that bind the customers and that are designed to recover the specific costs the entity incurs in providing the regulated goods or services and to earn a specified return. The specified return could be a minimum or range and need not be a fixed or guaranteed return.

Leases

- D9 A first-time adopter may apply the transitional provisions in Interpretation 4 *Determining whether an Arrangement contains a Lease* as identified in AASB 1048. Therefore, a first-time adopter may determine whether an arrangement existing at the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards contains a lease on the basis of facts and circumstances existing at that date.
- D9A If a first-time adopter made the same determination of whether an arrangement contained a lease in accordance with previous GAAP as that required by Interpretation 4 (as identified in AASB 1048) but at a date other than that required by Interpretation 4, the first-time adopter need not reassess that determination when it adopts Australian Accounting Standards. For an entity to have made the same determination of whether the arrangement contained a lease in accordance with previous GAAP, that determination would have to have given the same outcome as that resulting from applying AASB 117 *Leases* and Interpretation 4.

Employee benefits

- D10 In accordance with AASB 119 *Employee Benefits*, an entity may elect to use a 'corridor' approach that leaves some actuarial gains and losses unrecognised. Retrospective application of this approach requires an entity to split the cumulative actuarial gains and losses from the inception of the plan until the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards into a recognised portion and an unrecognised portion. However, a first-time adopter may elect to recognise all cumulative actuarial gains and losses at the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards, even if it uses the corridor approach for later actuarial gains and losses. If a first-time adopter uses this election, it shall apply it to all plans.
- D11 An entity may disclose the amounts required by paragraph 120A(p) of AASB 119 as the amounts are determined for each accounting period

prospectively from the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards.

Cumulative translation differences

D12 AASB 121 *The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates* requires an entity:

- (a) to recognise some translation differences in other comprehensive income and accumulate these in a separate component of equity; and
- (b) on disposal of a foreign operation, to reclassify the cumulative translation difference for that foreign operation (including, if applicable, gains and losses on related hedges) from equity to profit or loss as part of the gain or loss on disposal.

D13 However, a first-time adopter need not comply with these requirements for cumulative translation differences that existed at the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards. If a first-time adopter uses this exemption:

- (a) the cumulative translation differences for all foreign operations are deemed to be zero at the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards; and
- (b) the gain or loss on a subsequent disposal of any foreign operation shall exclude translation differences that arose before the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards and shall include later translation differences.

Investments in subsidiaries, jointly controlled entities and associates

D14 When an entity prepares separate financial statements, AASB 127 *Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements* (as amended in 2008) requires it to account for its investments in subsidiaries, jointly controlled entities and associates either:

- (a) at cost; or
- (b) in accordance with AASB 139 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*.

D15 If a first-time adopter measures such an investment at cost in accordance with AASB 127, it shall measure that investment at one of

the following amounts in its separate opening Australian-Accounting-Standards statement of financial position:

- (a) cost determined in accordance with AASB 127; or
- (b) deemed cost. The deemed cost of such an investment shall be its:
 - (i) fair value (determined in accordance with AASB 139) at the entity's date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards in its separate financial statements; or
 - (ii) previous GAAP carrying amount at that date.

A first-time adopter may choose either (i) or (ii) above to measure its investment in each subsidiary, jointly controlled entity or associate that it elects to measure using a deemed cost.

Assets and liabilities of subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures

D16 If a subsidiary becomes a first-time adopter later than its parent, the subsidiary shall, in its financial statements, measure its assets and liabilities at either:

- (a) the carrying amounts that would be included in the parent's consolidated financial statements, based on the parent's date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards, if no adjustments were made for consolidation procedures and for the effects of the business combination in which the parent acquired the subsidiary; or
- (b) the carrying amounts required by the rest of this Standard, based on the subsidiary's date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards. These carrying amounts could differ from those described in (a):
 - (i) when the exemptions in this Standard result in measurements that depend on the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards.
 - (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 AASB 116 *Property, Plant and Equipment*, whereas the group may use the revaluation model.

A similar election is available to an associate or joint venture that becomes a first-time adopter later than an entity that has significant influence or joint control over it.

- D17 However, if an entity becomes a first-time adopter later than its subsidiary (or associate or joint venture) the entity shall, in its consolidated financial statements, measure the assets and liabilities of the subsidiary (or associate or joint venture) at the same carrying amounts as in the financial statements of the subsidiary (or associate or joint venture), after adjusting for consolidation and equity accounting adjustments and for the effects of the business combination in which the entity acquired the subsidiary. Similarly, if a parent becomes a first-time adopter for its separate financial statements earlier or later than for its consolidated financial statements, it shall measure its assets and liabilities at the same amounts in both financial statements, except for consolidation adjustments.

Compound financial instruments

- D18 AASB 132 *Financial Instruments: Presentation* requires an entity to split a compound financial instrument at inception into separate liability and equity components. If the liability component is no longer outstanding, retrospective application of AASB 132 involves separating two portions of equity. The first portion is in retained earnings and represents the cumulative interest accreted on the liability component. The other portion represents the original equity component. However, in accordance with this Standard, a first-time adopter need not separate these two portions if the liability component is no longer outstanding at the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards.

Designation of previously recognised financial instruments

- D19 AASB 139 permits a financial asset to be designated on initial recognition as available for sale or a financial instrument (provided it meets certain criteria) to be designated as a financial asset or financial liability at fair value through profit or loss. Despite this requirement exceptions apply in the following circumstances:
- (a) an entity is permitted to make an available-for-sale designation at the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards.
 - (b) an entity is permitted to designate, at the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards, any financial asset or financial liability as at fair value through profit or loss provided the asset

or liability meets the criteria in paragraph 9(b)(i), 9(b)(ii) or 11A of AASB 139 at that date.

Fair value measurement of financial assets or financial liabilities at initial recognition

D20 Notwithstanding the requirements of paragraphs 7 and 9, an entity may apply the requirements in the last sentence of AASB 139 paragraph AG76 and in paragraph AG76A, in either of the following ways:

- (a) prospectively to transactions entered into after 25 October 2002; or
- (b) prospectively to transactions entered into after 1 January 2004.

Decommissioning liabilities included in the cost of property, plant and equipment

D21 Interpretation 1 *Changes in Existing Decommissioning, Restoration and Similar Liabilities* as identified in AASB 1048 requires specified changes in a decommissioning, restoration or similar liability to be added to or deducted from the cost of the asset to which it relates; the adjusted depreciable amount of the asset is then depreciated prospectively over its remaining useful life. A first-time adopter need not comply with these requirements for changes in such liabilities that occurred before the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards. If a first-time adopter uses this exemption, it shall:

- (a) measure the liability as at the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards in accordance with AASB 137 *Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets*;
- (b) to the extent that the liability is within the scope of Interpretation 1, estimate the amount that would have been included in the cost of the related asset when the liability first arose, by discounting the liability to that date using its best estimate of the historical risk-adjusted discount rate(s) that would have applied for that liability over the intervening period; and
- (c) calculate the accumulated depreciation on that amount, as at the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards, on the basis of the current estimate of the useful life of the asset, using the depreciation policy adopted by the entity in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

D21A An entity that uses the exemption in paragraph D8A(b) (for oil and gas assets in the development or production phases accounted for in cost centres that include all properties in a large geographical area under previous GAAP) shall, instead of applying paragraph D21 or Interpretation 1 (as identified in AASB 1048):

- (a) measure decommissioning, restoration and similar liabilities as at the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards in accordance with AASB 137; and
- (b) recognise directly in retained earnings any difference between that amount and the carrying amount of those liabilities at the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards determined under the entity's previous GAAP.

Financial assets or intangible assets accounted for in accordance with Interpretation 12

D22 A first-time adopter may apply the transitional provisions in Interpretation 12 *Service Concession Arrangements* as identified in AASB 1048.

Borrowing costs

D23 A first-time adopter may apply the transitional provisions set out in paragraphs 27 and 28 of AASB 123 *Borrowing Costs*, as revised in 2007. In those paragraphs references to the application date shall be interpreted as 1 January 2009 or the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards, whichever is later.

Transfers of assets from customers

D24 A first-time adopter may apply the transitional provisions set out in paragraph Aus21.2 of Interpretation 18 *Transfers of Assets from Customers* as identified in AASB 1048. In that paragraph, reference to the application date shall be interpreted as 1 July 2009 or the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards, whichever is later. In addition, a first-time adopter may designate any date before the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards and apply Interpretation 18 to all transfers of assets from customers received on or after that date.

Extinguishing financial liabilities with equity instruments

D25 A first-time adopter may apply the transitional provisions in Interpretation 19 *Extinguishing Financial Liabilities with Equity Instruments* as identified in AASB 1048.

APPENDIX E

SHORT-TERM EXEMPTIONS FROM AUSTRALIAN ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

This appendix is an integral part of AASB 1.

Disclosures about financial instruments

- E3 A first-time adopter may apply the transition provisions in paragraph 44G of AASB 7.¹

¹ Paragraph E3 was added as a consequence of AASB 2010-1 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Limited Exemption from Comparative AASB 7 Disclosures for First-time Adopters* issued in February 2010. To avoid the potential use of hindsight and to ensure that first-time adopters are not disadvantaged as compared with current Australian Accounting Standards preparers, the AASB decided that first-time adopters should be permitted to use the same transition provisions permitted for existing preparers of financial statements prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards that are included in AASB 2009-2 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Improving Disclosures about Financial Instruments*.

DELETED IFRS 1 TEXT

Deleted IFRS 1 text is not part of AASB 1.

Paragraph 40

This IFRS supersedes IFRS 1 (issued in 2003 and amended at May 2008).