

Technical Note 07/2008 – Basis of Preparation for Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 December 2008

Part I: Financial statements prepared in accordance with HKFRSs

Financial reporting standards issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“HKICPA”) up to Update No. 60 are set out in Appendix II of this Technical Note.

For a reporting entity with a “December” year end, when it prepared its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007, it should have already applied all financial reporting standards in issue as at that date, other than those effective for an annual period beginning after 1 January 2007.

Therefore, when the reporting entity prepares its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2008, it should initially apply financial reporting standards that are effective for an annual period beginning on a date falling between 2 January 2007 and 1 January 2008, both dates inclusive.

The financial reporting standards newly applicable to financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2008 include the following:

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| Amendments to HKAS 39 and HKFRS 7 | Reclassification of Financial Assets |
| Amendments to HKAS 39 and HKFRS 7 | Reclassification of Financial Assets – Effective Date and Transition |
| HK(IFRIC)-Int 11 | HKFRS 2–Group and Treasury Share Transactions |
| HK(IFRIC)-Int 12 | Service Concession Arrangements |
| HK(IFRIC)-Int 14 | HKAS 19—The Limit on a Defined Benefit Asset, Minimum Funding Requirements and their Interaction |

Sample disclosures of the basis of preparation to disclose the initial application of these standards in financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2008 are included in Appendix I of this Technical Note.

The principal requirements of these new standards and their possible effects on initial application are summarised as follows:

Amendments to HKAS 39 and HKFRS 7 **Reclassification of Financial Assets**

The Amendments remove some of the prohibitions of HKAS 39 on the reclassification of certain financial instruments, mainly non-derivative held-for-trading financial assets and certain available-for-sale debt instruments.

Refer to TN 06R-2008 for details if an entity had reclassified financial assets during the year in accordance with the Amendments.

Effect of initial application

For an entity that did not have any held-for trading financial assets, the initial application of the Amendments does not necessitate any material changes in the reporting entity's accounting policies or retrospective restatement of the comparatives presented.

For an entity that had material amounts of held-for trading financial assets, the initial application of the Amendments in the year ended 31 December 2008 would not necessitate any material changes in a reporting entity's accounting policies or retrospective restatement of the comparatives presented, except for permitting the reclassification of certain held-for-trading financial assets.

If reclassification in accordance with the Amendments had been made during the year, the entity should provide additional disclosure in the financial statements.

Hong Kong (IFRIC) Interpretation 11 ("HK(IFRIC)-Int 11") **HKFRS 2 – Group and Treasury Share Transactions**

Issues addressed by HK(IFRIC)-Int 11

HKFRS 2 not only applies to transfers of an entity's own equity instrument, but also transfers of equity instruments of the entity's parent, or equity instruments of another entity in the same group as the entity, to parties that have supplied goods or services to the entity.

However, HKFRS 2 itself does not give guidance on how to account for such transactions in the individual or separate financial statements of each group entity.

HK(IFRIC)-Int 11 mainly addresses how a subsidiary should account for equity instruments of the parent that are granted to the employees of the subsidiary.

In the case where the parent grants rights to its own equity instruments to the employees of the subsidiary, HK(IFRIC)-Int 11 requires that the subsidiary shall account for the arrangement as an equity-settled share-based payment transactions, with a corresponding increase recognised in equity as a contribution from the parent.

In the case where a subsidiary grants rights to equity instruments of the parent to its own employees, the subsidiary shall account for the transaction with its employees as cash-settled share-based payment transactions. This requirement applies irrespective of how the subsidiary obtains the equity instruments to satisfy its obligations to its employees.

In addition to share-based payment transactions involving equity instruments of the parent, HK(IFRIC)-Int 11 also clarifies that share-based payment transactions involving an entity own equity instruments shall be accounted for as equity-settled, regardless of whether: (a) the employee's rights to the entity's equity instruments were granted by the entity itself or by its shareholder(s); or (b) the share-based payment arrangement was settled by the entity itself or by its shareholder(s).

Effect of initial application

Since HK(IFRIC)-Int 11 does not set out specific transition requirements, an entity should apply HK(IFRIC)-Int 11 retrospectively in accordance with HKAS 8 (subject to the transitional provisions of HKFRS 2.)

That is, an entity should apply HK(IFRIC)-Int 11 retrospectively except to the extent that it is impracticable to determine either the period-specific effects or the cumulative effect of the change in accounting policies.

In the case of an entity whose employees have been granted equity instruments of the parent in prior years but had never accounted for them, the comparatives in its individual/separate financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2008 may need to be restated, depending on the specific situation. For example, restatement may not be necessary if the equity instruments granted have already been vested before the beginning of the prior period presented.

If an entity does not have material share-based payment transactions, the initial application of HK(IFRIC)-Int 11 does not necessitate any material changes in the reporting entity's accounting policies or retrospective restatement of the comparatives presented.

Hong Kong (IFRIC) Interpretation 12 (“HK(IFRIC)-Int 12”) **Service Concession Arrangements**

Issues addressed by HK(IFRIC)-Int 12

HK(IFRIC)-Int 12 gives guidance on the accounting by operators for public-to-private service concession arrangements. It applies to if:

- the grantor controls or regulates what services the operator must provide with the infrastructure, to whom it must provide them, and at what price; and
- the grantor controls—through ownership, beneficial entitlement or otherwise—any significant residual interest in the infrastructure at the end of the term of the arrangement.

An arrangement within the scope of HK(IFRIC)-Int 12 typically involves a private sector entity (an operator) constructing the infrastructure used to provide the public service or upgrading it, and operating and maintaining that infrastructure for a specified period of time.

The operator is paid for its services over the period of the arrangement.

The arrangement is governed by a contract that sets out performance standards, mechanisms for adjusting prices, and arrangements for arbitrating disputes.

Effect of initial application

For an entity that did not involve in such service concession arrangements, the initial application of HK(IFRIC)-Int 12 does not necessitate any material changes in the reporting entity’s accounting policies or retrospective restatement of the comparatives presented.

Hong Kong (IFRIC) Interpretation 14 (“HK(IFRIC)-Int 14”)
HKAS 19—The Limit on a Defined Benefit Asset, Minimum Funding Requirements and their Interaction

Issues addressed HK(IFRIC)-Int 14

HK(IFRIC)-Int 14 applies to post-employment defined benefits and other long-term employee defined benefits.

The issues addressed in HK(IFRIC)-Int 14 are:

- when refunds or reductions in future contributions should be regarded as available for the purpose of HKAS 19.
- how a minimum funding requirement might affect the availability of reductions in future contributions.
- when a minimum funding requirement might give rise to a liability.

Effect of initial application

For an entity that did not provide post-employment defined benefits and other long-term employee defined benefits, the initial application of HK(IFRIC)-Int 12 does not necessitate any material changes in the reporting entity’s accounting policies or retrospective restatement of the comparatives presented.

Part II: Financial statements prepared in accordance with IFRSs

Financial reporting standards issued by the International Accounting Standard Board (“IASB”) up to 31 December 2008 are set out in Appendix IV of this Technical Note.

Sample disclosures of the basis of preparation to disclose the initial application of these standards in financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2008 are included in Appendix III of this Technical Note.

Appendix I

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

(a) Compliance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards, Hong Kong Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (hereinafter collectively referred to as “Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards”).

(b) Initial application of Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards

In the current year, the company initially applied the following Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards:

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| Amendments to HKAS 39 and HKFRS 7 | Reclassification of Financial Assets |
| Amendments to HKAS 39 and HKFRS 7 | Reclassification of Financial Assets - Effective Date and Transition |
| HK(IFRIC)-Int 11 | HKFRS 2 – Group and Treasury Share Transactions |
| HK(IFRIC)-Int 12 | Service Concession Arrangements |
| HK(IFRIC)-Int 14 | HKAS 19—The Limit on a Defined Benefit Asset, Minimum Funding Requirements and their Interaction |

The initial application of these Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards does not necessitate material changes in the company’s accounting policies or retrospective adjustments of the comparatives presented, except that reclassification of certain held-for-trading financial assets is now permitted by Amendments to HKAS 39 and HKFRS 7.

(c) Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards in issue but not yet effective

The following Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards in issue at 31 December 2008 have not been applied in the preparation of the company’s financial statements for the year then ended since they were not yet effective for the annual period beginning on 1 January 2008:

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| HKAS 1 (Revised) | Presentation of Financial Statements |
| HKAS 23 (Revised) | Borrowing Costs |
| HKAS 27 (Revised) | Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements |
| HKFRS 1 (Revised) | First-time Adoption of Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards |
| HKFRS 3 (Revised) | Business Combinations |
| HKFRS 8 | Operating Segments |
| Amendments to HKAS 32 and HKAS 1 | Puttable Financial Instruments and Obligations Arising on Liquidation |
| Amendment to HKFRS 2 | Share-based Payment – Vesting Conditions and Cancellations |
| Amendments to HKFRS 1 and HKAS 27 | Cost of an Investment in a Subsidiary, Jointly Controlled Entity or Associates |

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| Amendments to HKAS 39 | Eligible Hedged Items |
| HK(IFRIC)-Int 13 | Customer Loyalty Programmes |
| HK(IFRIC)-Int 15 | Agreements for the Construction of Real Estate |
| HK(IFRIC)-Int 16 | Hedges of a Net Investment in a Foreign Operation |
| HK(IFRIC)-Int 17 | Distributions of Non-cash Assets to Owners |
| Improvements to HKFRSs | |

The company is required to initially apply HKAS 1 (Revised), HKAS 23 (Revised), HKFRS 8, amendments to HKAS 32 and HKAS 1, amendments to HKFRS 2, amendments to HKFRS 1 and HKAS 27, HK(IFRIC)-Int 13, HK(IFRIC)-Int 15, HK(IFRIC)-Int 16 and Improvements to HKFRSs (except for the amendments to paragraphs 8A, 36A and 44C of HKFRS 5 and paragraphs 34C and 47L of HKFRS 1) in its annual financial statements beginning on 1 January 2009, and to initially apply HKAS 27 (Revised), HKFRS 1 (Revised), HKFRS 3 (Revised), HK(IFRIC)-Int 17, amendments to HKAS 39 and Improvements to HKFRSs regarding the amendments to paragraphs 8A, 36A and 44C of HKFRS 5 and paragraphs 34C and 47L of HKFRS 1 in its annual financial statements beginning on 1 January 2010.

Appendix II – HKFRSs in issue at 31 December 2008

| | | Issued in | Effective* | |
|----------------------|--|-----------|------------|---|
| HKAS 01 | Presentation of Financial Statements | Mar 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| HKAS 01 | Presentation of Financial Statements - Para. 124A to 124C | Sep 2005 | 1 Jan 2007 | |
| HKAS 01 (Revised) | Presentation of Financial Statements | Dec 2007 | 1 Jan 2009 | X |
| HKAS 01 (Revised) | Amendment - Puttable Financial Instruments and Obligations Arising on Liquidation | Jun 2008 | 1 Jan 2009 | X |
| HKAS 02 | Inventories | Mar 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| HKAS 07 | Cash Flow Statements | Dec 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| HKAS 08 | Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors | Mar 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| HKAS 10 | Events After the Balance Sheet Date | Mar 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| HKAS 11 | Construction Contracts | Oct 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| HKAS 12 | Income Taxes | Nov 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| HKAS 14 | Segment Reporting | Nov 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| HKAS 16 | Property, Plant and Equipment | Mar 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| HKAS 17 | Leases | Dec 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| HKAS 18 | Revenue | Nov 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| HKAS 19 | Employee Benefits | Dec 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| HKAS 20 | Accounting for Government Grants and Disclosure of Government Assistance | Dec 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| HKAS 21 | The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates | Mar 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| HKAS 23 | Borrowing Costs | Dec 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| HKAS 23 (Revised) | Borrowing Costs | Jun 2007 | 1 Jan 2009 | X |
| HKAS 24 | Related Party Disclosures | Dec 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| HKAS 26 | Accounting and Reporting by Retirement Benefit Plans | Aug 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| HKAS 27 | Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements | Mar 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| HKAS 27 (Revised) | Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements | Mar 2008 | 1 Jul 2009 | X |
| HKAS 27 (Revised) | Amendment - Cost of an Investment in a Subsidiary, Jointly Controlled Entity or Associate | Oct 2008 | 1 Jan 2009 | X |
| HKAS 28 | Investments in Associates | Mar 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| HKAS 29 | Financial Reporting in Hyperinflationary Economies | Mar 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| HKAS 31 | Interests in Joint Ventures | Dec 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| HKAS 32 | Financial Instruments: Presentation | Jun 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| HKAS 32 | Amendment - Puttable Financial Instruments and Obligations Arising on Liquidation | Jun 2008 | 1 Jan 2009 | X |
| HKAS 33 | Earnings Per Share | Mar 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| HKAS 34 | Interim Financial Reporting | Oct 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| HKAS 36 | Impairment of Assets | Aug 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |

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| HKAS 37 | Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets | Nov 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| HKAS 38 | Intangible Assets | Aug 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| HKAS 39 | Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement | Jun 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| HKAS 39 | Amendment – Reclassification of Financial Assets | Oct 2008 | 1 July 2008 [^] | N |
| HKAS 39 | Amendment - Eligible Hedged Items | Nov 2008 | 1 Jul 2009 | X |
| HKAS 40 | Investment Property | Dec 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| HKAS 41 | Agriculture | Dec 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| HKFRS 1 | First-time Adoption of Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards | Oct 2003 | 1 Jan 2004 | |
| HKFRS 1 (Revised) | First-time Adoption of Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards | Dec 2008 | 1 Jul 2009 | X |
| HKFRS 1 | Amendment - Cost of an Investment in a Subsidiary, Jointly Controlled Entity or Associate | Oct 2008 | 1 Jan 2009 | X |
| HKFRS 2 | Share-based payment | Apr 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| HKFRS 2 | Amendment - Share-based payment – Vesting Conditions and Cancellations | Mar 2008 | 1 Jan 2009 | X |
| HKFRS 3 | Business Combinations | Aug 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| HKFRS 3 (Revised) | Business Combinations | Mar 2008 | 1 Jul 2009 | X |
| HKFRS 4 | Insurance Contracts | Aug 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| HKFRS 5 | Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations | Aug 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| HKFRS 6 | Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources | Feb 2005 | 1 Jan 2006 | |
| HKFRS 7 | Financial Instruments: Disclosures | Sep 2005 | 1 Jan 2007 | |
| HKFRS 7 | Amendment – Reclassification of Financial Assets | Oct 2008 | 1 July 2008 [^] | N |
| HKFRS 8 | Operating Segments | Mar 2007 | 1 Jan 2009 | X |
| HKFRSs | Improvements to HKFRSs | Nov 2008 | 1 Jan 2009 [#] | X |
| HK-Int 1 | The Appropriate Accounting Policies for Infrastructure Facilities | May 2005 | 1 Oct 2004 [^] | |
| HK-Int 3 | Revenue – Pre-completion Contracts for Sale of Development Properties | May 2005 | 1 Jan 2005 [^] | |
| HK-Int 4 | Leases – Determination of the Length of lease term in respect of Hong Kong Land Leases | May 2005 | 24 May 2005 [^] | |
| HKAS-Int 10 | Government Assistance – No Specific Relation to Operating Activities | Dec 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| HKAS-Int 12 | Consolidation – Special Purpose Entities | Mar 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| HKAS-Int 13 | Jointly Controlled Entities – Non-Monetary Contributions by Venturers | Dec 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| HKAS-Int 15 | Operating Leases – Incentives | Dec 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| HKAS-Int 21 | Income Taxes - Recovery of Revalued Non-Depreciable Assets | Dec 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| HKAS-Int 25 | Income Taxes – Changes in the Tax Status of an Enterprise or its Shareholders | Dec 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| HKAS-Int 27 | Evaluating the Substance of Transactions in the Legal Form of a Lease | Dec 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |

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| HKAS-Int 29 | Disclosure – Service Concession Arrangements | Dec 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| HKAS-Int 31 | Revenue – Barter Transactions Involving Advertising Services | Dec 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| HKAS-Int 32 | Intangible Assets – Web site Costs | Dec 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| HKFRS-Int 1 | Changes in Existing Decommissioning, Restoration and Similar Liabilities | Aug 2004 | 1 Sep 2004 | |
| HKFRS-Int 2 | Members' Shares in Co-operative Entities and Similar Instruments | Feb 2005 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| HKFRS-Int 4 | Determining whether an Arrangement Contains a Lease | Feb 2005 | 1 Jan 2006 | |
| HKFRS-Int 5 | Rights to Interests arising from Decommissioning and Environmental Rehabilitation Funds | Feb 2005 | 1 Jan 2006 | |
| HK(IFRIC)-Int 6 | Liabilities arising from Participating in a Specific Market - Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment | Sep 2005 | 1 Dec 2005 | |
| HK(IFRIC)-Int 7 | Applying the Restatement Approach under HKAS 29 Financial Reporting in Hyperinflationary Economies | Jan 2006 | 1 Mar 2006 | |
| HK(IFRIC)-Int 8 | Scope of HKFRS 2 | May 2006 | 1 May 2006 | |
| HK(IFRIC)-Int 9 | Reassessment of Embedded Derivatives | May 2006 | 1 Jun 2006 | |
| HK(IFRIC)-Int 10 | Interim Financial Reporting and Impairment | Sep 2006 | 1 Nov 2006 | |
| HK(IFRIC)-Int 11 | HKFRS 2—Group and Treasury Share Transactions | Jan 2007 | 1 Mar 2007 | N |
| HK(IFRIC)-Int 12 | Service Concession Arrangements | Mar 2007 | 1 Jan 2008 | N |
| HK(IFRIC)-Int 13 | Customer Loyalty Programmes | Sep 2007 | 1 Jul 2008 | X |
| HK(IFRIC)-Int 14 | HKAS 19—The Limit on a Defined Benefit Asset, Minimum Funding Requirements and their Interaction | Sep 2007 | 1 Jan 2008 | N |
| HK(IFRIC)-Int 15 | Agreements for the Construction of Real Estate | Aug 2008 | 1 Jan 2009 | X |
| HK(IFRIC)-Int 16 | Hedges of a Net Investment in a Foreign Operation | Aug 2008 | 1 Oct 2008 | X |
| HK(IFRIC)-Int 17 | Distributions of Non-cash Assets to Owners | Dec 2008 | 1 Jul 2009 | X |

* Unless otherwise stated, an entity shall apply the Standard for annual periods beginning on or after the effective date.

^ Effective date of the standard/interpretation.

An entity shall apply Improvements to HKFRSs for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009, except for the following amendment made to HKAS 20, HKFRS 1 and HKFRS 5. An entity shall apply the amendments to paragraphs 10A, 37 and 43 of HKAS 20 to government loans received in periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009. An entity shall apply the amendments to paragraphs 8A, 36A and 44C of HKFRS 5 and the amendments to paragraphs 34C and 47L of HKFRS 1 for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2009.

N Standard/interpretation newly applicable to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2008.

X Standard/interpretation not yet applicable to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2008.

Appendix III

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

(a) Compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, International Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (hereinafter collectively referred to as "International Financial Reporting Standards").

(b) Initial application of International Financial Reporting Standards

In the current year, the company initially applied the following International Financial Reporting Standards:

| | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Amendments to IAS 39 and IFRS 7 | Reclassification of Financial Assets |
| Amendments to IAS 39 and IFRS 7 | Reclassification of Financial Assets - Effective Date and Transition |
| IFRIC 11 | IFRS 2 – Group and Treasury Share Transactions |
| IFRIC 12 | Service Concession Arrangements |
| IFRIC 14 | IAS 19—The Limit on a Defined Benefit Asset, Minimum Funding Requirements and their Interaction |

The initial application of these International Financial Reporting Standards does not necessitate material changes in the company's accounting policies or retrospective adjustments of the comparatives presented.

(c) International Financial Reporting Standards in issue but not yet effective

The following International Financial Reporting Standards in issue at 31 December 2008 have not been applied in the preparation of the company's financial statements for the year then ended since they were not yet effective for the annual period beginning on 1 January 2008:

| | |
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| IAS 1 (Revised) | Presentation of Financial Statements |
| IAS 23 (Revised) | Borrowing Costs |
| IAS 27 (Revised) | Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements |
| IFRS 1 (Revised) | First-time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards |
| IFRS 3 (Revised) | Business Combinations |
| IFRS 8 | Operating Segments |
| Amendments to IAS 32 and IAS 1 | Puttable Financial Instruments and Obligations Arising on Liquidation |
| Amendments to IFRS 1 and IAS 27 | Cost of an Investment in a Subsidiary, Jointly Controlled Entity or Associate |
| Amendments to IFRS 2 | Share-based Payment – Vesting Conditions and Cancellations |
| Amendments to IAS 39 | Eligible Hedged Items |
| IFRIC 13 | Customer Loyalty Programmes |
| IFRIC 15 | Agreements for the Construction of Real Estate |
| IFRIC 16 | Hedges of a Net Investment in a Foreign Operation |

Appendix IV – IFRSs in issue at 31 December 2008

| | | Issued in | Effective* | |
|------------------|---|-----------|-------------|---|
| IAS 01 | Presentation of Financial Statements | Dec 2003 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| IAS 01 | Presentation of Financial Statements - Para. 124A to 124C | Aug 2005 | 1 Jan 2007 | N |
| IAS 01 (Revised) | Presentation of Financial Statements | Sep 2007 | 1 Jan 2009 | X |
| IAS 01 (Revised) | Presentation of Financial Statements (Amendments) - Puttable Financial Instruments and Obligations Arising on Liquidation | Feb 2008 | 1 Jan 2009 | X |
| IAS 02 | Inventories | Dec 2003 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| IAS 07 | Cash Flow Statements | Dec 1992 | 1 Jan 1994 | |
| IAS 08 | Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors | Dec 2003 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| IAS 10 | Events After the Balance Sheet Date | Dec 2003 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| IAS 11 | Construction Contracts | Dec 1993 | 1 Jan 1995 | |
| IAS 12 | Income Taxes | Oct 1996 | 1 Jan 1998 | |
| IAS 14 | Segment Reporting | - | 1 Jul 1998 | |
| IAS 16 | Property, Plant and Equipment | Dec 2003 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| IAS 17 | Leases | Dec 2003 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| IAS 18 | Revenue | Dec 1993 | 1 Jan 1995 | |
| IAS 19 | Employee Benefits | Feb 1998 | 1 Jan 1999 | |
| IAS 20 | Accounting for Government Grants and Disclosure of Government Assistance | Apr 1983 | 1 Jan 1984 | |
| IAS 21 | The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates | Dec 2003 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| IAS 23 | Borrowing Costs | Dec 1993 | 1 Jan 1995 | |
| IAS 23 (Revised) | Borrowing Costs | Mar 2007 | 1 Jan 2009 | X |
| IAS 24 | Related Party Disclosures | Dec 2003 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| IAS 26 | Accounting and Reporting by Retirement Benefit Plans | Jan 1987 | 1 Jan 1988 | |
| IAS 27 | Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements | Dec 2003 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| IAS 27 (Revised) | Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements | Jan 2008 | 1 Jul 2009 | X |
| IAS 27 (Revised) | Amendments - Cost of an Investment in a Subsidiary, Jointly Controlled Entity or Associate | May 2008 | 1 Jan 2009 | X |
| IAS 28 | Investments in Associates | Dec 2003 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| IAS 29 | Financial Reporting in Hyperinflationary Economies | Jul 1989 | 1 Jan 1990 | |
| IAS 31 | Interests in Joint Ventures | Dec 2003 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| IAS 32 | Financial Instruments: Presentation | Dec 2003 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| IAS 32 | Amendments- Puttable Financial Instruments and Obligations Arising on Liquidation | Feb 2008 | 1 Jan 2009 | X |
| IAS 33 | Earnings Per Share | Dec 2003 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| IAS 34 | Interim Financial Reporting | Feb 1998 | 1 Jan 1999 | |
| IAS 36 | Impairment of Assets | Mar 2004 | 31 Mar 2004 | |
| IAS 37 | Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets | Sep 1998 | 1 Jan 1999 | |

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| IAS 38 | Intangible Assets | Mar 2004 | Mar 2004 | |
| IAS 39 | Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement | Dec 2003 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| IAS 39 | Amendment – Reclassification of Financial Assets | Oct 2008 | 1 July 2008 [^] | N |
| IAS 39 | Amendment - Eligible Hedged Items | Jul 2008 | 1 Jul 2009 | X |
| IAS 40 | Investment Property | Dec 2003 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| IAS 41 | Agriculture | Apr 2001 | 1 Jan 2003 | |
| IFRS 1 | First-time Adoption of Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards | Jun 2003 | 1 Jan 2004 | |
| IFRS 1 | Amendments - Cost of an Investment in a Subsidiary, Jointly Controlled Entity or Associate | May 2008 | 1 Jan 2009 | X |
| IFRS 1 (Revised) | First-time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards | Nov 2008 | 1 Jul 2008 | X |
| IFRS 2 | Share-based payment | Feb 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| Amendments to IFRS 2 | Share-based payment – Vesting Conditions and Cancellations | Jan 2008 | 1 Jan 2009 | X |
| IFRS 3 | Business Combinations | Mar 2004 | 31 Mar 2004 | |
| IFRS 3 (Revised) | Business Combinations | Jan 2008 | 1 Jul 2009 | X |
| IFRS 4 | Insurance Contracts | Mar 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| IFRS 5 | Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations | May 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| IFRS 6 | Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources | Dec 2004 | 1 Jan 2006 | |
| IFRS 7 | Financial Instruments: Disclosures | Aug 2005 | 1 Jan 2007 | N |
| IFRS 7 | Amendment – Reclassification of Financial Assets | Oct 2008 | 1 July 2008 [^] | N |
| IFRS 8 | Operating Segments | Nov 2006 | 1 Jan 2009 | X |
| IFRSs | Improvements to HKFRSs | Nov 2008 | 1 Jan 2009 [#] | X |
| SIC 7 | Introduction of Euro | May 1998 | Jun 1998 | |
| SIC 10 | Government Assistance – No Specific Relation to Operating Activities | Jul 1998 | 1 Aug 1998 | |
| SIC 12 | Consolidation – Special Purpose Entities | Dec 1998 | 1 Jul 1999 | |
| SIC 13 | Jointly Controlled Entities – Non-Monetary Contributions by Venturers | Dec 1998 | 1 Jan 1999 | |
| SIC 15 | Operating Leases – Incentives | Dec 1998 | 1 Jan 1999 | |
| SIC 21 | Income Taxes - Recovery of Revalued Non-Depreciable Assets | Jul 2000 | Jul 2000 | |
| SIC 25 | Income Taxes – Changes in the Tax Status of an Entities or its Shareholders | Jul 2000 | Jul 2000 | |
| SIC 27 | Evaluating the Substance of Transactions involving the Legal Form of a Lease | Dec 2001 | Dec 2001 | |
| SIC 29 | Service Concession Arrangements: Disclosures | Dec 2001 | Dec 2001 | |
| SIC 31 | Revenue – Barter Transactions Involving Advertising Services | Dec 2001 | Dec 2001 | |
| SIC 32 | Intangible Assets – Web site Costs | Mar 2002 | Mar 2002 | |
| IFRIC 1 | Changes in Existing Decommissioning, Restoration and Similar Liabilities | May 2004 | 1 Sept 2004 | |

| | | Issued in | Effective* | |
|----------|---|------------------|-------------------|---|
| IFRIC 2 | Members' Shares in Co-operative Entities and Similar Instruments | Nov 2004 | 1 Jan 2005 | |
| IFRIC 4 | Determining whether an Arrangement Contains a Lease | Dec 2004 | 1 Jan 2006 | |
| IFRIC 5 | Rights to Interests arising from Decommissioning and Environmental Rehabilitation Funds | Dec 2004 | 1 Jan 2006 | |
| IFRIC 6 | Liabilities arising from Participating in a Specific Market - Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment | Sep 2005 | 1 Dec 2005 | |
| IFRIC 7 | Applying the Restatement Approach under IAS 29 Financial Reporting in Hyperinflationary Economies | Nov 2005 | 1 Mar 2006 | |
| IFRIC 8 | Scope of IFRS 2 | Jan 2006 | 1 May 2006 | |
| IFRIC 9 | Reassessment of Embedded Derivatives | Mar 2006 | 1 Jun 2006 | |
| IFRIC 10 | Interim Financial Reporting and Impairment | Jul 2006 | 1 Nov 2006 | N |
| IFRIC 11 | IFRS 2—Group and Treasury Share Transactions | Nov 2006 | 1 Mar 2007 | N |
| IFRIC 12 | Service Concession Arrangements | Nov 2006 | 1 Jan 2008 | X |
| IFRIC 13 | Customer Loyalty Programmes | Jun 2007 | 1 Jul 2008 | X |
| IFRIC 14 | IAS 19—The Limit on a Defined Benefit Asset, Minimum Funding Requirements and their Interaction | Jul 2007 | 1 Jan 2008 | X |
| IFRIC 15 | Agreements for the Construction of Real Estate | Jul 2008 | 1 Jan 2009 | X |
| IFRIC 16 | Hedges of a Net Investment in a Foreign Operation | Jul 2008 | 1 Oct 2008 | X |
| IFRIC 17 | Distributions of Non-cash Assets to Owners | Nov 2008 | 1 Jul 2009 | X |

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| HK(IFRIC)-Int 11 | HKFRS 2—Group and Treasury Share Transactions | Jan 2007 | 1 Mar 2007 | N |
| HK(IFRIC)-Int 12 | Service Concession Arrangements | Mar 2007 | 1 Jan 2008 | N |
| HK(IFRIC)-Int 14 | HKAS 19—The Limit on a Defined Benefit Asset, Minimum Funding Requirements and their Interaction | Sep 2007 | 1 Jan 2008 | N |
| HKAS 39 | Amendment – Reclassification of Financial Assets | Oct 2008 | 1 July 2008 [^] | N |
| HKFRS 7 | Amendment – Reclassification of Financial Assets | Oct 2008 | 1 July 2008 [^] | N |
| HK(IFRIC)-Int 13 | Customer Loyalty Programmes | Sep 2007 | 1 July 2008 | X |
| HK(IFRIC)-Int 16 | Hedges of a Net Investment in a Foreign Operation | Aug 2008 | 1 Oct 2008 | X |
| HK(IFRIC)-Int 15 | Agreements for the Construction of Real Estate | Aug 2008 | 1 Jan 2009 | X |
| HKAS 01 (Revised) | Presentation of Financial Statements | Dec 2007 | 1 Jan 2009 | X |
| HKAS 01 (Revised) | Amendment - Puttable Financial Instruments and Obligations Arising on Liquidation | Jun 2008 | 1 Jan 2009 | X |
| HKAS 23 (Revised) | Borrowing Costs | Jun 2007 | 1 Jan 2009 | X |
| HKAS 27 (Revised) | Amendment - Cost of an Investment in a Subsidiary, Jointly Controlled Entity or Associate | Oct 2008 | 1 Jan 2009 | X |
| HKAS 32 | Amendment - Puttable Financial Instruments and Obligations Arising on Liquidation | Jun 2008 | 1 Jan 2009 | X |
| HKFRS 1 | Amendment - Cost of an Investment in a Subsidiary, Jointly Controlled Entity or Associate | Oct 2008 | 1 Jan 2009 | X |
| HKFRS 2 | Amendment - Share-based payment – Vesting Conditions and Cancellations | Mar 2008 | 1 Jan 2009 | X |
| HKFRS 8 | Operating Segments | Mar 2007 | 1 Jan 2009 | X |
| HKFRSs | Improvements to HKFRSs | Nov 2008 | 1 Jan 2009 [#] | X |
| HKAS 27 (Revised) | Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements | Mar 2008 | 1 Jul 2009 | X |
| HKAS 39 | Amendment - Eligible Hedged Items | Nov 2008 | 1 Jul 2009 | X |
| HKFRS 3 (Revised) | Business Combinations | Mar 2008 | 1 Jul 2009 | X |