

International Financial Reporting Standards

Sample In-House Training Agenda

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Overview

This two-day course is designed to provide a comprehensive review of the major differences between U.S. GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). As such, it is well-suited for companies with subsidiaries reporting under IFRS, potential first-time adopters of IFRS, or for analysts simply wishing to know where the two accounting regimes are likely to result in materially different measures of earnings and financial position.

In order to be able to cover such a broad range of topics in only two days, an intermediate knowledge of U.S. GAAP is assumed.

Day One

OVERVIEW AND BACKGROUND

- A brief history of international accounting standards
- Sources of standards, interpretive guidance and supplementary literature
- Conceptual framework and IAS 1
- Regulatory environments
- Convergence with U.S. GAAP: goals, progress and prospects

KEY INCOME STATEMENT ISSUES

- Revenue recognition
- Share-based payments
- Interest expense
- Extraordinary and unusual items
- Discontinued operations

OPERATING ASSETS

- Inventories
- Property, plant and equipment
- Impairment
- Assets in use
- Assets held for sale

LIABILITIES AND CONTINGENCIES

- Distinguishing between liabilities and equity
- Pensions and other post-employment benefits
- General provisions
- Contingent liabilities
- Restructuring charges
- Deferred taxes

OFF-BALANCE SHEET TRANSACTIONS

- Equity method and proportionate consolidation
- Transfers of financial assets with continuing interests
- Special purpose entities
- Leases

Day Two

BUSINESS COMBINATIONS AND CONSOLIDATION PROCEDURES

- Purchase price allocation
- Minority interests
- Recognition and measurement of intangible assets
- Negative goodwill
- Goodwill impairment
- Foreign operations

ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND DISCLOSURES

- Segments
- Earnings per share
- Statement of cash flows
- Related parties

FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, DERIVATIVES AND HEDGING

- Non-derivative financial instruments
- Definition of a derivative
- Qualifying hedged items
- Overview of hedge accounting alternatives
- Termination of hedge relationships
- Hedge effectiveness testing, documentation and disclosures

FIRST TIME APPLICATION OF IFRS

- Overview of the allowed alternatives
- Selection of IFRS accounting policies
- Preparation of opening balance sheet: the starting point for subsequent accounting
- Determination of estimates for opening B/S and other periods presented
- Presentation and disclosure in the first IFRS financial statements (and interim reports)