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Dear Stig

**INVITATION TO COMMENT ON THE EFRAG'S ASSESSMENTS OF IFRIC 18  
'TRANSFERS OF ASSETS FROM CUSTOMERS'**

The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales welcomes the opportunity to respond to EFRAG's Invitation to Comment on its assessments of IFRIC 18 *Transfers of Assets from Customers*.

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We are satisfied that:

- (a) IFRIC 18 meets the technical criteria for endorsement by the EU; and
- (b) the benefits to be derived from applying IFRIC 18 will exceed any costs involved.

We therefore fully support endorsement.

Our responses to the relevant questions raised by EFRAG are attached as an appendix to this letter.

Please contact me if you would like to discuss any of the points raised in this response.

Yours sincerely

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uploaded via our website by 8 May 2009

**1 Please provide the following details about yourself:**

- (a) Your name or, if you are responding on behalf of an organisation or company, its name:**

The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

- (b) Are you/ls your organisation or company a:**

Other: professional accountancy body.

- (c) Please provide a short description of your activity/ the general activity of your organisation or company:**

See covering letter.

- (d) Country where you/your organisation or company is located:**

United Kingdom.

- (e) Contact details including e-mail address:**

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**2 EFRAG's initial assessment of IFRIC 18 is that it meets the technical criteria for endorsement. In other words, it is not contrary to the true and fair principle and it meets the criteria of understandability, relevance, reliability and comparability. EFRAG's reasoning is set out in Appendix 2.**

- (a) Do you agree with this assessment?**

Yes

**If you do not, please explain why you do not agree and what you believe the implications of this should be for EFRAG's endorsement advice.**

Not applicable

- (b) Are there any issues that are not mentioned in Appendix 2 that you believe EFRAG should take into account in its technical evaluation of IFRIC 18? If there are, what are those issues and why do you believe they are relevant to the evaluation?**

We are not aware of any other issues.

**3 EFRAG is also assessing the costs that will arise for preparers and for users to implement IFRIC 18, both in year one and in subsequent years.**

**Some initial work has been carried out, and the responses to this Invitation to Comment will be used to complete the assessment.**

**The results of the initial assessment are set out in Appendix 3. To summarise, EFRAG's initial assessment (see Appendix 3, paragraphs 6 and 7) is that IFRIC 18 is:**

- (a) likely to involve some preparers in some additional year one and ongoing costs. However, those costs are unlikely to be significant; and**
- (b) likely to involve users in no year one or ongoing incremental costs.**

**Do you agree with this assessment?**

Yes

**If you do not, please explain why you do not and (if possible) explain broadly what you believe the costs involved will be?**

Not applicable

- 4 EFRAG's initial assessment is that IFRIC 18 is likely to result in improvements in the comparability of the information provided—and in some cases also the relevance. EFRAG's initial assessment is that overall the benefits to be derived from applying IFRIC 18 will exceed the costs involved (Appendix 3, paragraphs 8 and 10).**

**Do you agree with this assessment?**

Yes

**If you do not, please explain why you do not and what you think the implications should be for EFRAG's endorsement advice?**

Not applicable

- 5 EFRAG is not aware of any other factors that should be taken into account in reaching a decision as to what endorsement advice it should give the European Commission on IFRIC 18.**

**Do you agree that there are no other factors?**

Yes

**If you do not, please explain why you do not and what you think the implications should be for EFRAG's endorsement advice?**

Not applicable