



## PCP 2015\_2 Restrictions and suspensions of voting rights

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## **MAJOR POINTS**

1. We support the Code Committee's proposed amendments to the definition of 'voting rights' in the Takeover Code.

## **RESPONSES TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS**

### **Q1: Should the proposed new definition of "voting rights" be introduced?**

2. We agree the proposed new definition should be introduced. We note that the Code Committee's approach to the issue of non-voting convertible shares is not being altered even though such issue could achieve the same outcomes as the issue of suspended voting shares currently does. It will continue to be important that a whitewash is obtained at the time of such issue.

### **Q2: Should the Note on Rule 9.7 be amended as proposed?**

3. We agree the Note on Rule 9.7 should be amended with the exception of a small drafting point. The new definition of 'voting rights' means that in, both 2(a) and 2(b) of the Note on Rule 9.7, the phrase 'being able to exercise' can be replaced by 'having'.

### **Q3: Should Rule 11.1 and 11.2 be amended as proposed?**

4. We agree.