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The amendments will allow entities to use the equity method to account for investments in subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates in their separate financial statements. Entities already applying IFRS and electing to change to the equity method in its separate financial statements will have to apply that change retrospectively. For first-time adopters of IFRS electing to use the equity method in its separate financial statements, they will be required to apply this method from the date of transition to IFRS. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2016 with early adoption permitted.

*Amendments to IFRS 11 Joint Arrangements: Accounting for Acquisitions of Interests*

The amendments to IFRS 11 require that a joint operator accounting for the acquisition of an interest in a joint operation, in which the activity of the joint operation constitutes a business must apply the relevant IFRS 3 principles for business combinations accounting. The amendments also clarify that a previously held interest in a joint operation is not re-measured on the acquisition of an additional interest in the same joint operation while joint control is retained. In addition, a scope exclusion has been added to IFRS 11 to specify that the amendments do not apply when the parties sharing joint control, including the reporting entity, are under common control of the same ultimate controlling party. The amendments apply to both the acquisition of the initial interest in a joint operation and the acquisition of any additional interests in the same joint operation and are prospectively effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2016 with early adoption permitted.

*Annual improvements from the 2010-2012 and 2011-2013 Cycles*

The following list of improvements to standards is effective from July 1, 2014:

- *IFRS 2 Share-based Payment.* This improvement is applied prospectively and clarifies various issues relating to the definitions of performance and service conditions which are vesting conditions.
- *IFRS 3 Business Combinations.* The amendment is applied prospectively and clarifies that all contingent consideration arrangements classified as liabilities (or assets) arising from a business combination should be subsequently measured at fair value through profit or loss whether or not they fall within the scope of IFRS 9 (or IAS 39, as applicable).
- *IFRS 3 Business Combinations.* The amendment is applied prospectively and clarifies for the scope exceptions within IFRS 3 that: a) joint arrangements, not just joint ventures, are outside the scope of IFRS 3; and b) this scope exception applies only to the accounting in the financial statements of the joint arrangement itself.
- *IFRS 8 Operating Segments.* The amendments are applied retrospectively and clarifies that: a) an entity must disclose the judgments made by management in applying the aggregation criteria in paragraph 12 of IFRS 8, including a brief description of operating segments that have been aggregated and the economic characteristics (e.g., sales and gross margins) used to assess whether the segments are "similar"; and b) the reconciliation of segment assets to total assets is only required to be disclosed if the reconciliation is reported to the chief operating decision maker, similar to the required disclosure for segment liabilities.
- *IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement.* The amendment is applied prospectively and clarifies that the portfolio exception in IFRS 13 can be applied not only to financial assets and financial liabilities, but also to other contracts within the scope of IFRS 9 (or IAS 39, as applicable).
- *IAS 16 Property, Plant and Equipment and IAS 38 Intangible Assets.* The amendment is applied retrospectively and clarifies in IAS 16 and IAS 38 that the asset may be revalued by reference to

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