

# HKFRS / IFRS UPDATE 2012/01

## HKFRS/IFRS AVAILABLE FOR EARLY ADOPTION FOR 31 DECEMBER 2011 YEAR ENDS



### Introduction

The International Accounting Standards Board worked efficiently in 2011. They finalised and published more than 10 new pronouncements this year. This contributes to a long list of new IFRSs issued but not mandatory for December 2011 annual financial statements. All IFRSs have been adopted as HKFRSs.

### HKFRSs issued but are not mandatory for 31 December 2011 year ends

In order to comply with paragraph 30 in HKAS 8 *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors* entities need to disclose new HKFRS that have been issued but are not yet effective where the entity has decided not apply the HKFRS at the reporting date. Disclosures also need to include “known or reasonably estimable information relevant to assessing the possible impact that application of the new HKFRS will have on the entity’s financial statements in the period of initial application”.

To comply with the requirements set out above an entity considers disclosing:

- (a) the title of the new HKFRS;
- (b) the nature of the impending change or changes in accounting policy;
- (c) the date by which application of the HKFRS is required;
- (d) the date as at which it plans to apply the HKFRS initially; and
- (e) either:
  - (i) a discussion of the impact that initial application of the HKFRS is expected to have on the entity’s financial statements; or
  - (ii) if that impact is not known or reasonably estimable, a statement to that effect.

### STATUS

Final

### EFFECTIVE DATE

Various

### ACCOUNTING IMPACT

May be significant

The list below shows the HKFRSs that have been issued but are not mandatory effective

1. HKFRS 1 First-time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards (Amendments)
2. HKFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures (Amendments - Transfers of Financial Assets)
3. HKFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures (Amendments - Transition Disclosures)
4. HKFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures (Amendments - Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities)
5. HKFRS 9 Financial Instruments (Issued in 2009)
6. HKFRS 9 Financial Instruments (Issued in 2010)
7. HKFRS 9 Financial Instruments (Amendments - Mandatory Effective Date)
8. HKFRS 10 Consolidated Financial Statements
9. HKFRS 11 Joint Arrangements
10. HKFRS 12 Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities
11. HKFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement
12. HKAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements (Amendments)
13. HKAS 12 Income Taxes (Amendments)
14. HKAS 19 Employee Benefits (Amendments)
15. HKAS 27 Separate Financial Statements (Amendments)
16. HKAS 28 Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures (Amendments)
17. HKAS 32 Financial Instruments: Presentation (Amendments)
18. HK(IFRIC) – Int 20 Stripping cost in the Production Phase of a Surface Mine

Please note that the list above is prepared as of 31 December 2011 (ie including the amendments to clarify the offsetting criteria in HKAS 32 and the related disclosures in HKFRS 7, and the effective date and transition provisions of HKFRS 9). All of these new pronouncements are available for early adoption.

Early HKFRSs adoptions for 2011 – Standards and Amendments		Effective Date
<b>HKFRS 1 <i>First-time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards</i></b>		
1. Amendments to HKFRS 1	<p><b><i>Severe hyperinflation</i></b> This guidance covers how an entity should resume presenting financial statements in accordance with HKFRSs after a period when the entity was unable to comply with HKFRSs because its functional currency was subject to severe hyperinflation.</p> <p><b><i>Fixed dates for first-time adopters</i></b> References to a fixed date of 1 January 2004 for the purposes of the date from which certain derecognition transaction are required to be restated have been replaced with 'the date of transition to HKFRSs'. This amendment is intended to ease the burden of transition for companies that are adopting HKFRS now, or in the coming years.</p>	<p>Mandatory adoption for periods beginning on or after 1 July 2011</p> <p>Early adoption permitted</p>

Early HKFRSs adoptions for 2011 – Standards and Amendments		Effective Date
<b>HKFRS 7 <i>Financial Instruments: Disclosures</i></b>		
2. Amendments to HKFRS 7	<p><b><i>HKFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures – Transfers of Financial Assets</i></b></p> <p>An entity may enter into an arrangement, such as debt factoring, where the related accounting may or may not result in the financial assets subject to the arrangement being transferred to another party (either in whole or in part). The amendment requires the disclosure of information in respect of all transferred financial assets that are not derecognised, and for any continuing involvement in transferred assets which are derecognised, which exists at the reporting date, irrespective of when the related transfer transaction occurred.</p> <p>The disclosures are required to be sufficient to enable users of financial statements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) to understand the relationship between transferred financial assets that are not derecognised in their entirety and the associated liabilities; and</li> <li>(b) to evaluate the nature of, and risks associated with, the entity's continuing involvement in derecognised financial assets.</li> </ul> <p>Accounting impact: Enhanced disclosures for transfers of financial assets.</p>	<p>Mandatory adoption for periods beginning on or after 1 July 2011</p> <p>Early adoption permitted</p>
3. Amendments to HKFRS 7	<p><b><i>HKFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures – Transition Disclosures</i></b></p> <p>With the amendments to HKFRS 9 <i>Financial Instruments</i> (see point 7) entities applying HKFRS 9 do not need to restate prior periods but are required to provide modified disclosures. The new disclosures include but are not limited to:</p> <p>Changes in the classifications of financial assets and financial liabilities, showing separately:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The changes in the carrying amounts on the basis of their measurement categories in accordance with HKAS 39 (ie not resulting from a change in measurement attribute on transition to HKFRS 9); and</li> <li>• The changes in the carrying amounts arising from a change in measurement attribute, such as from amortised cost to fair value, on transition to HKFRS 9.</li> </ul> <p>The following for financial assets and financial liabilities that have been reclassified so that they are measured at amortised cost as a result of the transition to HKFRS 9:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities at the end of the reporting period.</li> <li>• The fair value gain or loss that would have been recognised in profit or loss or other comprehensive income during the reporting period if the financial assets or financial liabilities had not been reclassified.</li> <li>• The effective interest rate determined on the date of reclassification.</li> <li>• The interest income or expense recognised.</li> </ul>	<p>Mandatory adoption for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015</p> <p>Early adoption permitted</p>

Early HKFRSs adoptions for 2011 – Standards and Amendments		Effective Date
<b>HKFRS 7 <i>Financial Instruments: Disclosures</i></b>		
4. Amendments to HKFRS 7	<p><b><i>HKFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures – Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities</i></b></p> <p>The amendments require the disclosure of information that will enable users of an entity's financial statements to evaluate the effect or potential effect of netting arrangements, including rights of set-off associated with the entity's recognised financial assets and recognised financial liabilities, on the entity's financial position.</p> <p>This includes the effect or potential effect of rights of set-off associated with the entity's recognised financial assets and recognised financial liabilities. To meet the objective, an entity is required to disclose in tabular form:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the gross amounts of those recognised financial assets and recognised financial liabilities;</li> <li>(b) the amounts that are set off when determining the net amounts presented in the statement of financial position;</li> <li>(c) the net amounts presented in the statement of financial position;</li> <li>(d) the amounts subject to an enforceable master netting arrangement or similar agreement that are not otherwise included in paragraph b), including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) amounts related to recognised financial instruments that do not meet some or all of the offsetting criteria; and</li> <li>(ii) amounts related to financial collateral (including cash collateral); and</li> </ul> </li> <li>(e) the net amount after deducting the amounts in (d) from the amounts in (c) above.</li> </ul> <p>The amendments are part of the IASB's offsetting project. As part of that project, the IASB also separately issued <i>Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities (Amendments to IAS 32)</i> the HKFRS equivalence of which is discussed under point 17.</p>	<p>Mandatory adoption for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2013 and interim periods within those annual periods.</p>
<b>HKFRS 9 <i>Financial Instruments</i></b>		
5. HKFRS 9 (Issued in 2009)	<p>HKFRS 9 applies to all assets within the scope of HKAS 39 <i>Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement</i>. HKFRS 9 will eventually replace HKAS 39 in its entirety. However, the process has been divided into three main components: classification and measurement, impairment, and hedge accounting. As each phase is completed, the relevant portions of HKAS 39 will be deleted and new chapters in HKFRS 9 will be created.</p> <p>HKFRS 9 requires that on initial recognition, all financial assets are measured at fair value (plus an adjustment for certain transaction costs if they are not measured as at fair value through profit or loss) and are classified into one of two subsequent measurement categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amortised cost; or</li> <li>• Fair Value</li> </ul>	<p>Mandatory adoption for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015</p> <p>Early adoption permitted</p>

Early HKFRSs adoptions for 2011 – Standards and Amendments	Effective Date
<b>HKFRS 9 <i>Financial Instruments</i></b>	
<p>HKFRS 9 eliminates the Held to Maturity (HTM), Available for Sale (AFS) and Loans and Receivables categories. In addition, the exception under which equity instruments and related derivatives are measured at cost rather than fair value, where the fair value cannot be reliably determined, has been eliminated with fair value measurement being required for all of these instruments.</p> <p>A financial asset is measured after initial recognition at amortised cost only if it meets the following two conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The objective of an entity's business model is to hold the financial asset in order to collect contractual cash flows; and</li> <li>2. The contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.</li> </ol> <p>All other instruments are required to be measured after initial recognition at fair value. HKFRS 9 retains the current requirement for financial instruments that are held for trading to be recognised and measured at fair value through profit or loss, including all derivatives that are not designated in a hedging relationship.</p> <p>Hybrid contracts with a host that is within the scope of HKFRS 9 (ie a financial host) must be classified in their entirety in accordance with the classification approach summarised above. This eliminates the existing HKAS 39 requirement to account separately for a host contract and certain embedded derivatives. The embedded derivative requirements under HKAS 39 continue to apply where the host contract is a non-financial asset and for financial liabilities.</p> <p>HKFRS 9 includes an option which permits investments in equity instruments to be measured at fair value through other comprehensive income. This is an irreversible election made, on an instrument by instrument basis, at the date of initial recognition. Where the election is made, no amounts are subsequently recycled from other comprehensive income to profit or loss. Where this option is not taken, all equity instruments with the scope of HKFRS 9 are classified as at fair value through profit or loss. Irrespective of the approach adopted for the equity instrument itself, dividends received on an equity instrument are always recognised in profit or loss (unless they represent a return of the cost of investment).</p> <p>Subsequent reclassification of financial assets between the amortised cost and fair value categories is prohibited, unless an entity changes its business model for managing its financial assets in which case reclassification is required. However, the guidance is restrictive and such changes are expected to be very infrequent. HKFRS 9 states explicitly that the following are not changes in business model:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A change in intention relating to particular financial assets (even in circumstances of significant changes in market conditions);</li> <li>2. A temporary disappearance of a particular market for financial assets; and</li> <li>3. A transfer of financial assets between parts of the entity with different business models.</li> </ol> <p>Accounting impact: Significant changes to the classification and measurement of financial assets.</p>	

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HKFRS 9 <i>Financial Instruments</i>		
6. HKFRS 9 (Issued in 2010)	<p>As noted above, HKFRS 9 was published in November 2009 and contained requirements for the classification and measurement of financial assets. Equivalent requirements for financial liabilities were added in October 2010, with most of them being carried forward unchanged from HKAS 39. In consequence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A financial liability is measured as at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL) if it is held for trading, or is designated as at FVTPL using the fair value option; and</li> <li>• Other liabilities are measured at amortised cost</li> </ul> <p>In contrast to the requirements for financial assets, the bifurcation requirements for embedded derivatives have been retained; similarly, equity conversion features will continue to be accounted for separately.</p> <p>However, some changes have been made, in particular to address the issue of where changes in the fair value of an entity's financial liabilities designated as at FVTPL using the fair value option, which arise from changes in the entity's own credit risk, should be recorded. This amendment is a result of consistent feedback received by the IASB from its constituents that changes in an entity's own credit risk should not affect profit or loss unless the financial liability is held for trading.</p> <p>HKFRS 9 requires that changes in the fair value of financial liabilities designated as at FVTPL which relate to changes in an entity's own credit risk should be recognised directly in other comprehensive income (OCI). However, as an exception, where this would create an accounting mismatch (which would be where there is a matching asset position that is also measured as at FVTPL), an irrevocable decision can be taken to recognise the entire change in fair value of the financial liability in profit or loss.</p> <p>The other changes made to the accounting requirements for financial liabilities are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guidance has been added to assist in differentiating between credit risk and asset specific performance risk; and</li> <li>• Consistent with the elimination of the potential, in very limited circumstances, for investments in unquoted equity instruments to be measured at cost, the exemption from fair value measurement for derivative liabilities that are linked to, and must be settled by delivery of, an unquoted equity instrument where the fair value of that equity instrument is not reliably measurable has been deleted.</li> </ul> <p>A number of related disclosure requirements have been added to HKFRS 7 <i>Financial Instruments: Disclosures</i>.</p> <p>Accounting impact: Changes in the fair value of liabilities designated as at fair value through profit or loss, that relate to changes in an entity's own credit risk, are now required to be recorded in other comprehensive income. The exemption from fair value measurement for derivatives linked to unquoted equity instruments that cannot be reliably measured has been removed.</p>	<p>Mandatory adoption for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015</p> <p>Early adoption permitted</p>

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<b>HKFRS 9 <i>Financial Instruments</i></b>		
7. Amendments to HKFRS 9	<p><b><i>Amendments to HKFRS 9 Financial Instruments – Mandatory Effective Date</i></b></p> <p>The amendment changes the effective date of HKFRS 9 (2009) and HKFRS 9 (2010) so that HKFRS 9 is required to be applied for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015. Early application is permitted. The amendment also modifies the relief from restating prior periods.</p> <p>Entities that initially apply HKFRS 9 in periods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beginning before 1 January 2012 need not restate prior periods and are not required to provide modified disclosures.</li> <li>Beginning on or after 1 January 2012 and before 1 January 2013 must elect either to provide the modified disclosures or to restate prior periods.</li> <li>Beginning on or after 1 January 2013 are required to provide modified disclosures. The entity need not restate prior periods.</li> </ul> <p>The modified disclosures are discussed under point 3.</p>	<p>Mandatory adoption for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015</p> <p>Early adoption permitted</p>
<b>HKFRS 10 <i>Consolidated Financial Statements</i></b>		
8. HKFRS 10	<p>HKFRS 10 <i>Consolidated Financial Statements</i> was issued jointly with HKFRS 11 <i>Joint Arrangements</i>, HKFRS 10 <i>Disclosures of Interests in Other Entities</i> and amendments to HKAS 27 <i>Separate Financial Statements</i> and HKAS 28 <i>Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures</i>.</p> <p>HKFRS 10 introduces a single control model for all entities. It replaces the consolidation requirements in HKAS 27 <i>Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements</i> and HK(SIC) – Int 12 <i>Consolidation – Special Purpose Entities</i>.</p> <p>Under the current HKAS 27 and HK(SIC) – Int 12 requirements, for non special purpose entities, an investor is required to consolidate an investee when it has the power to govern the investee's financial and operating policies to obtain benefits from the investee's activities. For SPEs, control is based on (different) risk and reward principles.</p> <p>Under HKFRS 10, an investor is required to consolidate an investee when all three of the following criteria are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The entity has power over the investee;</li> <li>The investor has exposure, or rights to variable returns from involvement with the investee; and</li> <li>The investor has the ability to use its power to affect returns.</li> </ul> <p>HKFRS 10 includes guidance to be applied in circumstances where the assessment of control may be difficult, including where an entity has potential voting rights (such as share options) over another, agency relationships and cases where voting rights are not the principal indicator of control.</p> <p>The new standard is not expected to change the accounting requirements for the majority of investors. However, changes may arise where new guidance has been issued (in particular for agency relationships) and some SPEs that were consolidated under HK(SIC) – Int 12 may not be consolidated with the new standard.</p> <p>The accounting requirements and consolidation procedures in the existing HKAS 27 are carried forward unchanged.</p>	<p>Mandatory adoption for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2013</p> <p>Early adoption permitted</p>



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<b>HKFRS 11 <i>Joint Arrangements</i></b>		
9. HKFRS 11	<p>HKFRS 11 <i>Joint Arrangements</i> replaces HKAS 31 <i>Interests in Joint Ventures</i>. The project to replace existing requirements was undertaken for the following main reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Under HKAS 31, the structure of an arrangement is the principal factor in determining the accounting approach, meaning that the accounting might not reflect the rights and obligations of each of the parties involved in an arrangement; and</li> <li>HKAS 31 contains an option to account for jointly controlled entities (JCEs) using either proportionate consolidation or equity accounting. This option means parties to similar arrangements could account for them differently, and arrangements that give rise to different rights and obligations for each of the parties could be accounted for in a similar way.</li> </ul> <p>HKFRS 11 is based on the principle that each party to a joint arrangement accounts for its rights and obligations that arise from that arrangement. In consequence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where an entity has rights to the assets and obligations for the liabilities relating to a joint arrangement, it is regarded as being a joint operator. Joint operators account for the assets and liabilities, and associated revenues and expenses, that arise from the joint arrangement.</li> <li>Where an entity has rights to the net assets relating to a joint arrangement, it is regarded as having an interest in a joint venture. Joint venturers account for the net assets arising from the joint arrangement by applying equity accounting.</li> </ul> <p>An entity that is part to a joint arrangement that is not structured through a separate vehicle is regarded as a joint operator.</p> <p>For arrangements that are structured through a separate vehicle it is necessary to analyse the legal form, the contractual terms and any other relevant facts and circumstances of the joint arrangements in order to determine whether the arrangement gives rise to a joint operation or a joint venture.</p>	<p>Mandatory adoption for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2013</p> <p>Early adoption permitted</p>
<b>HKFRS 12 <i>Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities</i></b>		
10. HKFRS 12	<p>HKFRS 12 <i>Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities</i> combines, and makes consistent, certain existing disclosures that were previously included, in some cases with overlapping requirements, in HKAS 27 <i>Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements</i>, HKAS 28 <i>Investments in Associates</i> and HKAS 31 <i>Interests in Joint Ventures</i>.</p> <p>In addition, it introduces certain new disclosure requirements, in particular those related to unconsolidated structured entities where a lack of transparency about entities' exposures to related risks was highlighted by the global financial crisis.</p>	<p>Mandatory adoption for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2013</p> <p>Early adoption permitted</p>



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<b>HKFRS 13 <i>Fair Value Measurement</i></b>		
11. HKFRS 13	<p>HKFRS 13 <i>Fair value measurement</i> sets out a framework for measuring fair value and requires disclosures about fair value measurement. HKFRS 13 does not determine when an asset, a liability or an entity's own equity instrument is measured at fair value; this is dealt with in other applicable HKFRSs.</p> <p>The standard applies when another HKFRS requires or permits fair value measurement or disclosures about fair value measurements except for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share-based payment transactions within the scope of HKFRS 2 <i>Share-based Payment</i>;</li> <li>• Leasing transactions within the scope of HKAS 17 <i>Leases</i></li> <li>• Measurements that have some similarities to fair value but are not fair value, such as net realisable value in HKAS 2 <i>Inventories</i> or value in use in HKAS 36 <i>Impairment of Assets</i>.</li> </ul>	<p>Mandatory adoption for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2013</p> <p>Early adoption permitted</p>
<b>HKAS 1 <i>Presentation of Financial Statements</i></b>		
12. Amendments to HKAS 1	<p><b><i>Presentation of Items of Other Comprehensive Income</i></b></p> <p>The amendments made to HKAS 1 focus on how entities present items of OCI. The amendments do not alter guidance on which items should or should not be included in OCI or whether these items might subsequently be reclassified through profit or loss.</p> <p>The main change requires entities to present line items for OCI amounts by nature and to group items presented in OCI into two categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Those that could subsequently be reclassified to profit or loss (reclassification adjustments); and</li> <li>• Those that that will not be reclassified.</li> </ul> <p>HKAS 1 permits entities to present components of OCI either net of related tax effects or before tax with one amount shown for the aggregate amount of income tax relating to those components. Entities will continue to have this choice of tax presentation. However, If an entity presents OCI items before related tax effects then tax is required to be allocated and disclosed separately for each of the two OCI groups.</p>	<p>Mandatory adoption for periods beginning on or after 1 July 2012</p> <p>Early adoption permitted</p>

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<b>HKAS 12 <i>Income Taxes</i></b>		
13. Amendments to HKAS 12	<p><b><i>Deferred tax: Recovery of Underlying Assets</i></b></p> <p>Amendments have been made to HKAS 12 <i>Income Taxes</i> in respect of the measurement of deferred tax when investment property is measured using the fair value model in HKAS 40 <i>Investment Property</i>. Although HKAS 12 requires the measurement of deferred tax to be based on an entity's expected manner of recovery of the related asset or liability, it is often difficult and subjective to determine this where an investment property is measured at fair value. Consequently, an exception has been introduced to incorporate a presumption that the carrying amount of an investment property is recovered entirely through sale.</p> <p>In addition, the requirements of HK(SIC) Int - 21 <i>Income Taxes – Recovery of Revalued Non-Depreciable Assets</i>, which address similar issues involving non-depreciable assets, measured using the revaluation model in HKAS 16 <i>Property, Plant and Equipment</i>, have been incorporated into HKAS 12.</p> <p>For those entities that hold investment property in Hong Kong, the measurement of deferred tax liabilities and deferred tax assets may be affected. The implications of the amendments should be considered at an early stage, including the effect of the amendments on business combinations that took place in previous reporting periods and involved the acquisition of investment property.</p> <p>Accounting impact: Significant changes to the measurement requirements of deferred tax assets / liabilities when investment properties are measured at fair value.</p>	<p>Mandatory adoption for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2012</p> <p>Early adoption permitted</p>
<b>HKAS 19 <i>Employee Benefits</i></b>		
14. Amendments to HKAS 19	<p><b><i>Amendments to HKAS 19</i></b></p> <p>The most significant amendment requires entities to recognise all changes in the defined benefit obligations and in the fair value of related plan assets when those changes occur. This eliminates the 'corridor' approach which permitted entities to leave actuarial gains and losses unrecognised if they were within a corridor (being the greater of 10 per cent of the plan assets and 10 per cent of the plan liabilities) and to defer recognition of actuarial gains and losses outside of that corridor.</p> <p>The amendment requires entities to split the changes in the net defined benefit liability (asset) into three components, to be presented as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Service cost – presented in profit or loss</li> <li>(ii) Net interest on the net defined benefit liability (asset) – presented in profit or loss; and</li> <li>(iii) Remeasurement of the net defined benefit liability (asset) – presented in other comprehensive income (OCI) and not recycled through profit or loss.</li> </ul>	<p>Mandatory adoption for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2013</p> <p>Early adoption permitted</p>

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<b>HKAS 19 <i>Employee Benefits</i></b>		
	<p>Additionally enhanced disclosures are required with a focus on the following specified objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The characteristics of an entity's defined benefit plans and the amounts in the financial statements that result from those plans.</li> <li>(b) Risks arising from defined benefit plans, including a sensitivity analysis for each significant actuarial assumption.</li> <li>(c) Participation in multi-employer plans.</li> </ul>	
<b>HKAS 27 <i>Separate Financial Statements</i></b>		
15. Amendments to HKAS 27	<p>HKAS 27 <i>Separate Financial Statements</i> was amended as part of the project to replace the existing guidance for consolidation, which resulted in the issue of HKFRS 10 and HKFRS 12. Most of the requirements of HKAS 27 <i>Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements</i> relating to separate financial statement have been carried forward unchanged, although the disclosure requirements of that standard have now been incorporated into HKFRS 12.</p> <p>In order to locate all related guidance together, the requirements for separate financial statements previously included in HKAS 28 <i>Investments in Associates</i> and HKAS 31 <i>Interests in Joint Ventures</i> have been incorporated into the amended HKAS 27.</p>	<p>Mandatory adoption for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2013</p> <p>Early adoption permitted</p>
<b>HKAS 28 <i>Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures</i></b>		
16. Amendments to HKAS 28	<p>HKAS 28 <i>Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures</i> was amended as part of the project to replace the existing guidance for joint ventures, which resulted in the issue of HKFRS 11 and HKFRS 12. Most of the requirements of HKAS 28 <i>Investments in Associates</i> have been carried forward unchanged, with the exception of the incorporation of accounting for joint ventures. In addition:</p> <p>In some cases, an entity may have an investment in an associate, part of which is held indirectly by a venture capital or other organisation that qualifies, and elects, to measure that part at fair value through profit or loss. It has been clarified that the entity may elect to measure that part at fair value through profit or loss in its consolidated or individual financial statements, with the other part being accounted for in accordance with the equity method.</p> <p>It should be noted that individual financial statements are required to be prepared by an entity which does not have any subsidiaries, but does have interests in associates and/or joint arrangements. Individual financial statements are different from separate financial statements which are not mandatory and in which investments are accounted for on the basis of the direct equity interest rather than on the basis of the reported results and net assets of the investees.</p>	<p>Mandatory adoption for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2013</p> <p>Early adoption permitted</p>

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<b>HKAS 28 <i>Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures</i></b>		
	<p>HKFRS 5 <i>Non-current Assets held for Sale and Discontinued Operations</i> applies to an investment, or a portion of an investment, in an associate that meets the criteria to be classified as held for sale. Any portion to be retained continues to be accounted for on the basis of the combined holdings, with a reassessment of the applicable accounting guidance being carried out at the point at which the portion to be sold is disposed of. If, after a partial disposal, a reassessment shows that the retained interest falls within the scope of HKFRS 9 Financial Instruments (or HKAS 39 if HKFRS 9 has not yet been adopted), the retained interest is then accounted for in accordance with that standard. This includes initial recognition at fair value.</p> <p>It has been clarified that a change in the status of an investment from an interest in a joint venture (joint control) to an interest in an associate (significant influence) is not viewed as changing the nature of the investment. Consequently, equity accounting is maintained with no remeasurement to fair value. This is because the composition of the group (being a parent and its subsidiaries) has not changed, with the loss of joint control and retention of significant influence not being regarded as being sufficient to warrant remeasurement of the retained interest at fair value. This is in contrast to the approach required on loss of control of a subsidiary, where a partial interest is to be retained; that retained interest is remeasured to fair value with any adjustment to the carrying amount being recorded in profit or loss.</p>	
<b>HKAS 32 <i>Financial Instruments: Presentation</i></b>		
17. Amendments to HKAS 32	<p>The amendments address inconsistencies in current practice when applying the offsetting criteria. They clarify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the meaning of 'currently has a legally enforceable right of set-off'; and</li> <li>that some gross settlement systems may be considered equivalent to net settlement</li> </ul> <p>The IFRS equivalent amendments are part of the IASB's offsetting project. As part of that project, the IASB also separately issued <i>Disclosures - Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities</i> (Amendments to IFRS 7). HKFRS adopted the amendment which is discussed under Point 4.</p>	<p>Mandatory adoption for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2014</p> <p>Early adoption permitted</p>

Early HKFRSs adoptions for 2011 – Standards and Amendments		Effective Date
HK(IFRIC) – Int 20 <i>Stripping cost in the Production Phase of a Surface Mine</i>		
18. HK(IFRIC) – Int 20	<p>The Interpretation clarifies when and how to account for stripping costs. It applies to surface mining operations, where entities may find it necessary to remove mine waste materials ('overburden') to gain access to mineral ore deposits. This waste removal activity is known as 'stripping'.</p> <p>HK(IFRIC) – Int 20 clarifies that costs associated with the portion of the overburden that can be used to build up inventory is accounted for in accordance with the principles of HKAS 2 <i>Inventories</i>. The cost associated with the portion that provides access to deeper levels of material is recognised as a non-current asset (referred to as "stripping activity asset") if the applicable criteria are met. The stripping activity asset is added to an existing asset and is accounted for as part of that asset. The nature of the existing asset determines whether the stripping activity asset is classified as tangible or intangible.</p> <p>At initial recognition HK(IFRIC) – Int 20 requires stripping activity assets to be measured at cost. Only costs that are directly incurred to perform the stripping activities, plus an allocation of directly attributable overhead costs are capitalised. Stripping activity assets are subsequently measured in the same way as the asset it was added to. This may be either at cost or revalued amount less depreciation or amortisation and any impairment losses.</p>	<p>Mandatory adoption for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2013</p> <p>Early adoption permitted</p>

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