

PART 1: FINANCIAL REPORTING

1.1 ON THE INTERNATIONAL FRONT

1.1.1 New and revised financial reporting standards in the pipeline

In our April 2011 issue of this Technical Bulletin, we mentioned that the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) is scheduled to issue in April 2011, four new International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and two amended standards.

However, on 21 April 2011, the IASB deferred the issuance of the new and amended standards to May 2011. This was reflected on the IASB's work plan on its website (<http://www.ifrs.org/Home.htm>).

We will bring you more updates on these in the June issue of the LTC Technical Bulletin.

1.1.2 Three new draft Q&As on the IFRS for Small and Medium-sized Entities (IFRS for SMEs)

On 14 April 2011, the SME Implementation Group, responsible for assisting the IASB on matters related to the implementation of the IFRS for SMEs, published for public comment three more questions and answer documents (Q&As) on the IFRS for SMEs.

The new Q&As cover the following topics:

- Captive insurance subsidiaries
- Interpretation of 'traded in a public market'
- Investment funds with only a few participants

To view the new Q&As click here:

<http://www.ifrs.org/IFRS+for+SMEs/Q+and+A+IFRS+for+SMEs.htm>.

The deadline for submission of comments to the IASB is on 15 June 2011

1.2 SINGAPORE NEWS

Singapore Accounting Standards Council (ASC) invites comments on the three new draft Q&As on the IFRS for SMEs

On 19 April 2011, the ASC invited submission of comments on the three new draft Q&As on the IFRS for SMEs. Comments should be submitted to the ASC no later than 16 May 2011.

PART 2: AUDITING AND ASSURANCE

There are no updates relating to auditing and assurance for the month of April 2011.

PART 3: TAXATION

The Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore (IRAS) has the following updates:

3.1 Productivity and Innovation Credit (PIC) - Tax Deferral Form

To help businesses, especially SMEs, with their cash flow and investments in productivity, the Minister for Finance has announced on 2 Mar 2011 a Tax Deferral option for businesses to defer a dollar of current YA tax for every dollar of PIC qualifying expenditure incurred for the current financial year, up to a cap of \$100,000. The tax will be deferred and is due for payment when the first assessment for the following YA is raised. This tax deferral allows businesses to enjoy their PIC benefits one year in advance.

For more information, please click here:

http://www.iras.gov.sg/irashome/PIcredit.aspx#PIC_Tax_Deferral

3.2 e-Tax Guide on Treatment of Fixed Machinery Under the Property Tax Act

This Guide provides guidance on the treatment of fixed machinery for property tax purposes. "Fixed machinery refers to machinery that has been so affixed to the land or building that it has become a fixture. Under the common law, fixtures are part of the land and building and are hence subject to property tax under section 6(1) of the Property Tax Act.

For more information, please click [here](#).

3.3 Compliance Matters for Individuals

A minority of taxpayers are non-compliant because they are not fully aware of their obligations or do not know how to comply. To help taxpayers comply, IRAS has ongoing education campaigns to educate and enforcement programmes aimed at ensuring a fair administration of taxes where every taxpayer contributes his fair share towards nation building.

For more information, please click [here](#).

3.4 GST Assisted Compliance Assurance Programme (ACAP)

GST ACAP is a compliance initiative for businesses that set up robust GST Control Framework as part of good corporate governance. Businesses can on a voluntary basis conduct a holistic risk-based review to endorse the effectiveness of their GST controls. In this way, their risks of non-compliance with GST law can be managed and assurance of continual compliance can be sustained.

For more information, please click here: <http://iras.gov.sg/irasHome/page04.aspx?id=12066>

3.5 SMEs can attend free PIC Consultation Clinics from 13 Apr

Small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in Singapore needing help to apply for the Productivity and Innovation Credit (PIC) will be able to attend free clinics to get advice from the Enterprise Development Centres (EDCs) and the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore (IRAS) from 13 April 2011. The free clinics, which are jointly organised by the EDCs and supported by IRAS and SPRING Singapore, are timely as SMEs will begin tax filing soon.

For more information, please click [here](#)

3.6 Singapore-Ireland Avoidance of Double Taxation Agreement Comes Into Force

Singapore's agreement with Ireland for the avoidance of double taxation ("DTA") came into force 8 April 2011. The agreement is Singapore's 65th DTA and will encourage and facilitate cross-border trade and investment between Singapore and Ireland, by providing greater clarity on taxing rights and minimising the scope of double taxation between the two nations.

For more information, please click here: <http://www.iras.gov.sg/irasHome/page03a.aspx?id=12104>

PART 4: REGULATORY & BUSINESS

MAS Issues Revised Code on Collective Investment Schemes

The MAS has issued the revised Code on Collective Investment Schemes (Code), together with its response to public feedback received from its public consultation on proposed amendments to the Code released in May 2010

Please click [here](#) for the MAS press release.

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