

20th May 2020

To: Members of the Public

INVITATION TO COMMENT ON EXPOSURE DRAFT OF AMENDMENTS TO BRUNEI DARUSSALAM ACCOUNTING STANDARDS (BDAS) FOR NON-PUBLIC INTEREST ENTITIES

Comments to be received by 20th August 2020

The Brunei Darussalam Accounting Standards Council (BDASC) is seeking comments on the Exposure Draft of Amendments to Brunei Darussalam Accounting Standards (BDAS) for Non-Public Interest Entities which has been posted on the Council's website at: <http://bdasc.mofe.gov.bn>.

Background

The purpose of this exposure draft on amendments to BDAS for Non-Public Interest Entities is to ensure that relevant stakeholders and members of the public are involved in this development process which include providing feedbacks and perhaps improve BDAS for the adoption of Non-Public Interest Entities in Brunei Darussalam.

Invitation to comments

In accordance with the BDASC's due process, comments are invited from any interested party supported by specific reasoning and should be submitted in written form.

Any comments should be submitted to BDASC on or before **20th August 2020**

Comments may be sent by mail, fax or e-mail to:

BDASC Secretariat
Revenue Division
Ground Floor, Ministry of Finance and Economy
Commonwealth Drive
Bandar Seri Begawan BB 3910
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Comments will be acknowledged and may be made available for public review unless otherwise requested by the contributor.

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i) Amendment to Brunei Darussalam Accounting Standards Framework

Measurement

The measurement base most commonly adopted by entities in preparing their financial statements is historical cost. This may be combined with other measurement bases for certain specific items that are set out under the Brunei Darussalam Accounting Standards for Non Public Interest Entities.

Under the historical cost convention:

- (a) Assets are recorded at the amount of cash or cash equivalents paid or the fair value of the consideration given to acquire them at the time of their acquisition; and
- (b) Liabilities are recorded at the amount of proceeds received in exchange for the obligation, or in some circumstances (for example, income taxes), at the amounts of cash or cash equivalents expected to be paid to satisfy the liability in the normal course of business.

~~Assets should not be revalued nor should future cash flows be discounted in the measurement of assets and liabilities except when required or permitted by the Accounting Standards for Non Public Interest Entities.~~

Assets are subsequently measured at cost and only revalued or measured under a basis other than historical cost only when permitted by a specific standard under this framework.

ii) Amendment to BDAS 1 – Presentation of Financial Statements

1.32 The accounting policies ~~BDAS~~ of the disclosure notes to the financial statements should describe:

- (a) whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the BDAS NON-PIE and the criteria on which the entity qualifies to apply the BDAS-NON-PIE;
- (b) the measurement basis (or bases) used in preparing the financial statements; and
- (c) each specific accounting policy that is necessary for a proper understanding of the financial statements.

iii) Amendment to BDAS 6 – Investments

Disclosure

6.11 An entity should disclose:

- (a) the measurement bases used for determining the carrying amount of investments;
- (b) the significant amounts included in income for:
 - (i) interest and dividends;
 - (ii) profits and losses on disposal of investments;
 - (iii) impairment losses; and
 - (iv) reversals of impairment losses;

- (c) the market value of listed investments ~~if they are not carried at market value~~ should the information be readily available;
- (d) significant restrictions and other terms affecting the realisability of investments or the remittance of income and proceeds of disposal;
- (e) in respect of investments in subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures:
 - (i) the name of the investee;
 - (ii) the proportion of ownership interest in the investee;
 - (iii) the principal place of operation and place of incorporation of the investee; and
 - (iv) an indication of the nature of business of the investee; and
- (f) the accumulated write-down to net carrying amount (if any).

iv) Amendments to BDAS 16 – Related Party Disclosures

Disclosure

16.4 An entity should disclose the total compensation of key management personnel. Compensation includes all employee benefits including those in the form of share-based payment. Employee benefits include all forms of consideration paid, payable or provided by the entity, or on behalf of the entity (e.g. by its parent or by a shareholder), in exchange for services rendered to the entity. It also includes such consideration paid on behalf of a parent of the entity in respect of goods or services provided to the entity.

v) Amendment to BDAS 18 – Cash Flow Statement

Investments in Subsidiaries, Associates or Joint Ventures

~~18.33 An entity which reports its interest in a jointly controlled entities using proportionate consolidation, includes in its consolidated cash flow statement its proportionate share of the jointly controlled cash flows.~~