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Dear Françoise,

DRAFT ENDORSEMENT ADVICE AND EFFECTS STUDY REPORT ON ANNUAL IMPROVEMENTS TO IFRSs 2010-2012 CYCLE

On behalf of the German IFRS Committee I am writing to comment on EFRAG's Assessment of the amendments made by the IASB within the annual improvements project which were included in the standard *Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2010-2012 Cycle*.

We agree with the views set out in the assessment. As a national standard-setter we are not in a position to answer the questions regarding the costs that will arise for preparers and for users to implement the amendment. We therefore sent your assessment-form to the DAX30 entities and got feedback from one company, which indicated that it agrees to the assessment made by EFRAG.

As attachments to this letter you will find our comments to the above mentioned assessment as well as the comments received from one DAX30 entity.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Liesel Knorr
President

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Comments should be sent to commentletters@efrag.org by 3 March 2014

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A summary of the Amendments is set out in Appendix 1.

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EFRAG initial assessments summarised in this questionnaire will be amended to reflect EFRAG's decisions on Appendix 2 and 3.

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Liesel Knorr, ASCG (Accounting Standards Committee

of Germany)

- (b) Are you a:

Preparer User Other (please specify)

National Standard Setter

- (c) Please provide a short description of your activity:

see above (b)

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(d) Country where you are located:

Germany

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2 EFRAG's initial assessment of the Amendments is that they meet the technical criteria for endorsement. In other words, they are not contrary to the principle of true and fair view and they meet the criteria of understandability, relevance, reliability and comparability. EFRAG's reasoning is set out in Appendix 2.

(a) Do you agree with this assessment?

Yes

No

If you do not, please explain why you do not agree and what you believe the implications of this should be for EFRAG's endorsement advice.

(b) Are there any issues that are not mentioned in Appendix 2 that you believe EFRAG should take into account in its technical evaluation of the Amendments? If there are, what are those issues and why do you believe they are relevant to the evaluation?

none

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Do you agree with this assessment?

Yes No

If you do not, please explain why you do not and (if possible) explain broadly what you believe the costs involved will be?

We as a national standard setter are not in a position to comment on this issue.

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Do you agree that there are no other factors?

Yes No

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[Infineon Technologies AG, Neubiberg, Germany](#)

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Infineon Technologies AG designs, develops, manufactures and markets a broad range of semiconductors and systems solutions. The focus of activities is on automotive electronics, industrial electronics and chip-card based security

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