

## **BELGIAN ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD** (CBN-CNC) – COMMENTS

## BASB COMMENTS ON EFRAG DRAFT COMMENT LETTER ON IFRIC D 24 CUSTOMER CONTRIBUTIONS

The Belgian Accounting Standards Board welcomes the opportunity to comment EFRAG's Draft Comment letter on IFRIC D24 Customer Contributions.

In general, The Belgian Accounting Standards Board supports the EFRAG Draft Comment Letter.

With Draft Interpretation D 24, IFRIC investigated its efforts to clarify and provide accounting guidance on the area of customer contributions.

The BASB supports this project.

Our main concern is that the BASB believes that the scope of the Draft Paper is limited to very particular cases.

Therefore the BASB encourages IFRIC to explain, comment and illustrate the basis of retention of handling with "customer contribution"-arrangements.

As the Draft Interpretation is rather difficult to follow and understand and does not indicate the industries or situations in which "customer contributions"-arrangements can occur, the Belgian Accounting Standards Board strongly encourages IFRIC to include several illustrative examples of "customer contribution"-transactions. The BASB fully agrees with the comment in paragraph 39 of the EFRAG Draft Comment Letter.

The Draft Interpretation provides guidance on the accounting for the receipt of contributions of property, plant and equipment in the financial statements of the access provider. The draft interpretation gives no or very little guidance on the accounting in the financial statements of the customer providing the items of property, plant and equipment. The BASB encourages IFRIC to provide in the paper more guidance on the accounting of "customer contributions "-arrangements in the financial statements of the provider of property, plant and equipment.

As mentioned in the "Basis for Conclusions" nr. 9, the provider of the assets receives a non-monetary asset in return, namely the ability to access a supply of goods or services. For the BASB, it is not totally clear and would like to receive a confirmation from IFRIC, that this non-monetary asset will be accounted as an intangible asset. The Belgian Accounting Standards Board suggests clarifying this paragraph further.