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**Dear Sirs** 

## IFRIC Draft Interpretation D19 'IAS 19 – The Asset Ceiling: Availability of Economic Benefits and Minimum Funding Requirements'

I am writing to give the views of the ASB's Urgent Issues Task Force (UITF) on IFRIC D19.

We agree with the IFRIC's proposed consensus.

We suggest that the IFRIC should reconsider the title of the Interpretation, perhaps simply 'IAS 19 – Minimum Funding Requirements' is more accurate, since it applies where there are deficits as well as surpluses.

The draft Interpretation proposes that it should be applied retrospectively. We agree with that. However, the effective date should provide sufficient lead time for entities to assess their minimum funding requirements worldwide and to consider their rights to recover surpluses.

Yours sincerely

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