

NZ IAS 27

## **New Zealand Equivalent to International Accounting Standard 27**

### **Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements (NZ IAS 27)**

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The following New Zealand Interpretations refer to NZ IAS 27:

- NZ SIC-12 *Consolidation—Special Purpose Entities*
- NZ IFRIC 5 *Rights to and Interests arising from Decommissioning, Restoration and Environmental Rehabilitation Funds*
- NZ IFRIC 17 *Distributions of Non-cash Assets to Owners*

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New Zealand Equivalent to International Accounting Standard 27 *Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements* (NZ IAS 27) is set out in paragraphs 1–46 and the Appendix. NZ IAS 27 is based on International Accounting Standard 27 *Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements* (IAS 27) as amended by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) in 2008. All the paragraphs have equal authority but retain the IASC format of the Standard when it was adopted by the IASB. NZ IAS 27 should be read in the context of the IASB’s Basis for Conclusions on IAS 27, the New Zealand *Preface* and the New Zealand Equivalent to the IASB *Framework for the Preparation and Presentation of Financial Statements* (NZ *Framework*). NZ IAS 8 *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors* provides a basis for selecting and applying accounting policies in the absence of explicit guidance.

Any additional material is shown with grey shading. The paragraphs are denoted with “NZ” and identify the types of entities to which the paragraphs apply.

This Standard uses the terminology adopted in International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) to describe the financial statements and other elements. NZ IAS 1 *Presentation of Financial Statements* (as revised in 2007) paragraph 5 explains that entities other than profit-oriented entities seeking to apply the Standard may need to amend the descriptions used for particular line items in the financial statements and for the financial statements themselves. For example, profit/loss may be referred to as surplus/deficit and capital or share capital may be referred to as equity.

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## HISTORY OF AMENDMENTS

### Table of Pronouncements – NZ IAS 27 Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements

This table lists the pronouncements establishing and amending NZ IAS 27. The table is based on amendments approved as at 31 December 2009 other than consequential amendments resulting from early adoption of NZ IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments*.

Pronouncements	Date approved (ASRB approval)	Early operative date	Effective date (annual reporting periods... on or after ...)
NZ IAS 27 <i>Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements</i> (amended 2008)	Feb 2008 (Approval 99)	Early application permitted	1 July 2009
<i>Improvements to NZ IFRSs</i>	June 2008 (Approval 102)	Early application permitted	1 Jan 2009
Amendments to NZ IFRS 1 and NZ IAS 27— <i>Cost of an Investment in a Subsidiary, Jointly Controlled Entity or Associate</i>	June 2008 (Approval 103)	Early application permitted	1 Jan 2009
<i>Omnibus Amendments</i> (2009-1)	May 2009 (Approval 118)	Early application permitted	1 July 2009

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Paragraph affected	How affected	By ... [date]
Introduction	Amended	<i>Omnibus Amendments</i> (2009-1) [May 2009]
Paragraph NZ 3.1	Inserted	<i>Omnibus Amendments</i> (2009-1) [May 2009]
Paragraph 4 – cost method	Deleted	Amendments to NZ IFRS 1 and NZ IAS 27 [June 2008]
Paragraph 10(d)	Amended	<i>Omnibus Amendments</i> (2009-1) [May 2009]
Paragraph 38	Amended	<i>Improvements to NZ IFRSs</i> [June 2008]

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<b>Table of Amended Paragraphs in NZ IAS 27</b>		
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Paragraph 38A	Inserted	Amendments to NZ IFRS 1 and NZ IAS 27 [June 2008]
Paragraph 38B	Inserted	Amendments to NZ IFRS 1 and NZ IAS 27 [June 2008]
Paragraph 38C	Inserted	Amendments to NZ IFRS 1 and NZ IAS 27 [June 2008]
Paragraph 45A	Inserted	<i>Improvements to NZ IFRSs</i> [June 2008]
Paragraph 45B	Inserted	Amendments to NZ IFRS 1 and NZ IAS 27 [June 2008]
Paragraph 45C	Inserted	Amendments to NZ IFRS 1 and NZ IAS 27 [June 2008]
Paragraph NZ 45C.1	Inserted	<i>Omnibus Amendments (2009-1)</i> [May 2009]

## Introduction to NZ IAS 27

### Reasons for issuing the Standard

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- IN1 The International Accounting Standards Board revised IAS 27 *Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements* (IAS 27) in 2003 as part of its project on Improvements to International Accounting Standards. The Board's main objective was to reduce alternatives in accounting for subsidiaries in consolidated financial statements and in accounting for investments in the separate financial statements of a parent, venturer or investor. The Board did not reconsider the fundamental approach to consolidation of subsidiaries contained in IAS 27.
- IN2 In 2008 the Standard was amended as part of the second phase of the business combinations project. That phase of the project was undertaken jointly with the US Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB). The amendments related, primarily, to accounting for non-controlling interests and the loss of control of a subsidiary. The boards concluded the second phase of the project by the IASB issuing the amended IAS 27 and the FASB issuing FASB Statement No. 160 *Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements*, along with, respectively, a revised IFRS 3 *Business Combinations* and FASB Statement No. 141 (revised 2007) *Business Combinations*.

### Main features of the Standard

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- IN3 NZ IAS 27 (as amended in 2008) is based on IAS 27 (as amended in 2008). The amended Standard must be applied for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2009. Earlier application is *permitted*. However, an entity must not apply the amendments for annual periods beginning before 1 July 2009 unless it also applies NZ IFRS 3 (as revised in 2008).

#### Objective

- IN4 The objective of NZ IAS 27 is to enhance the relevance, reliability and comparability of the information that a parent entity provides in its separate financial statements and in its consolidated financial statements for a group of entities under its control. The Standard specifies:
- (a) the circumstances in which an entity must consolidate the financial statements of another entity (being a subsidiary);

- (b) the accounting for changes in the level of ownership interest in a subsidiary;
- (c) the accounting for the loss of control of a subsidiary; and
- (d) the information that an entity must disclose to enable users of the financial statements to evaluate the nature of the relationship between the entity and its subsidiaries.

### **Presentation of consolidated financial statements**

- IN5 A parent must consolidate its investments in subsidiaries. There is a limited exception available to some non-public entities. However, that exception does not relieve venture capital organisations, mutual funds, unit trusts and similar entities from consolidating their subsidiaries.

### **Consolidation procedures**

- IN6 A group must use uniform accounting policies for reporting like transactions and other events in similar circumstances. The consequences of transactions, and balances, between entities within the group must be eliminated.

### **Non-controlling interests**

- IN7 Non-controlling interests must be presented in the consolidated statement of financial position within equity, separately from the equity of the owners of the parent. Total comprehensive income must be attributed to the owners of the parent and to the non-controlling interests even if this results in the non-controlling interests having a deficit balance.

### **Changes in the ownership interests**

- IN8 Changes in a parent's ownership interest in a subsidiary that do not result in the loss of control are accounted for within equity.
- IN9 When an entity loses control of a subsidiary it derecognises the assets and liabilities and related equity components of the former subsidiary. Any gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss. Any investment retained in the former subsidiary is measured at its fair value at the date when control is lost.

### **Separate financial statements**

- IN10 When an entity elects, or is required by local regulations, to present separate financial statements, investments in subsidiaries, jointly controlled entities

and associates must be accounted for at cost or in accordance with NZ IAS 39 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*.

## Disclosure

- IN11 An entity must disclose information about the nature of the relationship between the parent entity and its subsidiaries.

## New Zealand specific changes

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### Public benefit entities

- IN12 In adopting IAS 27 for application as NZ IAS 27 the following changes have been made in respect of public benefit entities. NZ IAS 27:
- (a) includes an additional definition specific to public benefit entities (paragraph NZ 4.1);
  - (b) requires public benefit entities to comply with NZ IAS 27 in full (paragraph NZ 12.1);
  - (c) requires public benefit entities to use additional guidance set out in IPSAS 6 *Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements* (paragraphs 28-40) and FRS-37 *Consolidating Investments in Subsidiaries* (paragraphs 4.13-4.37 and 5.9-5.11) in determining whether a public benefit entity controls another entity (paragraph NZ 12.1); and
  - (d) permits the difference between the end of the reporting period of the parent entity and the end of the reporting period of the subsidiary to be more than three months in specified rare circumstances (paragraph NZ 23.1).
- IN13 Public benefit entities that apply paragraph NZ 23.1 will not comply with the requirements of IAS 27.

### Qualifying entities

- IN14 Qualifying entities are given a concession to the requirements of this Standard (as identified in the Standard).

### Compliance with IAS 27

- IN15 Entities, other than public benefit entities applying paragraph NZ 23.1, that comply with NZ IAS 27 will simultaneously be in compliance with IAS 27.

# **New Zealand Equivalent to International Accounting Standard 27**

## ***Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements (NZ IAS 27)***

### **Scope**

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- 1** This Standard shall be applied in the preparation and presentation of consolidated financial statements for a group of entities under the control of a parent.
- 2** This Standard does not deal with methods of accounting for business combinations and their effects on consolidation, including goodwill arising on a business combination (see NZ IFRS 3 *Business Combinations*).
- 3** This Standard shall also be applied in accounting for investments in subsidiaries, jointly controlled entities and associates when an entity elects, or is required by local regulations, to present separate financial statements.

#### **Qualifying Entities**

**NZ 3.1** Entities which qualify for differential reporting concessions in accordance with the *Framework for Differential Reporting for Entities Applying the New Zealand Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards Reporting Regime (2005)* are not required to comply with paragraph 10(d) which permits a parent not to present consolidated financial statements if “the ultimate or any intermediate parent of the parent produces consolidated financial statements available for public use that comply with New Zealand equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards”. In order to qualify for the exemption not to present consolidated financial statements, qualifying entities must still comply with all the other conditions in paragraph 10.

### **Definitions**

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- 4** The following terms are used in this Standard with the meanings specified:  
*Consolidated financial statements* are the financial statements of a group presented as those of a single economic entity.

**Control** is the power to govern the financial and operating policies of an entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

A **group** is a parent and all its subsidiaries.

**Non-controlling interest** is the equity in a subsidiary not attributable, directly or indirectly, to a parent.

A **parent** is an entity that has one or more subsidiaries.

**Separate financial statements** are those presented by a parent, an investor in an associate or a venturer in a jointly controlled entity, in which the investments are accounted for on the basis of the direct equity interest rather than on the basis of the reported results and net assets of the investees.

A **subsidiary** is an entity, including an unincorporated entity such as a partnership, that is controlled by another entity (known as the parent).

**Public Benefit Entities**

**NZ 4.1** The following term is used in this Standard with the meaning specified:

**Public benefit entities** are reporting entities whose primary objective is to provide goods or services for community or social benefit and where any equity has been provided with a view to supporting that primary objective rather than for a financial return to equity holders.

- 5 A parent or its subsidiary may be an investor in an associate or a venturer in a jointly controlled entity. In such cases, consolidated financial statements prepared and presented in accordance with this Standard are also prepared so as to comply with NZ IAS 28 *Investments in Associates* and NZ IAS 31 *Interests in Joint Ventures*.
- 6 For an entity described in paragraph 5, separate financial statements are those prepared and presented in addition to the financial statements referred to in paragraph 5. Separate financial statements need not be appended to, or accompany, those statements.
- 7 The financial statements of an entity that does not have a subsidiary, associate or venturer's interest in a jointly controlled entity are not separate financial statements.
- 8 A parent that is exempted in accordance with paragraph 10 from presenting consolidated financial statements may present separate financial statements as its only financial statements.

## **Presentation of consolidated financial statements**

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- 9 A parent, other than a parent described in paragraph 10, shall present consolidated financial statements in which it consolidates its investments in subsidiaries in accordance with this Standard.
- 10 A parent need not present consolidated financial statements if and only if:
- (a) the parent is itself a wholly-owned subsidiary, or is a partially-owned subsidiary of another entity and its other owners, including those not otherwise entitled to vote, have been informed about, and do not object to, the parent not presenting consolidated financial statements;
  - (b) the parent's debt or equity instruments are not traded in a public market (a domestic or foreign stock exchange or an over-the-counter market, including local and regional markets);
  - (c) the parent did not file, nor is it in the process of filing, its financial statements with a securities commission or other regulatory organisation for the purpose of issuing any class of instruments in a public market; and
  - \* (d) the ultimate or any intermediate parent of the parent produces consolidated financial statements available for public use that comply with New Zealand equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards.
- 11 A parent that elects in accordance with paragraph 10 not to present consolidated financial statements, and presents only separate financial statements, complies with paragraphs 38–43.

## **Scope of consolidated financial statements**

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- 12 Consolidated financial statements shall include all subsidiaries of the parent.\*

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\* If on acquisition a subsidiary meets the criteria to be classified as held for sale in accordance with NZ IFRS 5 Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations, it shall be accounted for in accordance with that NZ IFRS.

**Public Benefit Entities**

**NZ 12.1 Public benefit entities are required to comply with this Standard in full. Additional guidance on whether a public benefit entity controls another entity is set out in International Public Sector Accounting Standard IPSAS 6 Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements (paragraphs 28–40) and FRS-37 Consolidating Investments in Subsidiaries (paragraphs 4.13–4.37 and 5.9–5.11), and shall be used by public benefit entities in determining whether they control another entity.**

- 13 Control is presumed to exist when the parent owns, directly or indirectly through subsidiaries, more than half of the voting power of an entity unless, in exceptional circumstances, it can be clearly demonstrated that such ownership does not constitute control. Control also exists when the parent owns half or less of the voting power of an entity when there is: \*
- (a) power over more than half of the voting rights by virtue of an agreement with other investors;
  - (b) power to govern the financial and operating policies of the entity under a statute or an agreement;
  - (c) power to appoint or remove the majority of the members of the board of directors or equivalent governing body and control of the entity is by that board or body; or
  - (d) power to cast the majority of votes at meetings of the board of directors or equivalent governing body and control of the entity is by that board or body.
- 14 An entity may own share warrants, share call options, debt or equity instruments that are convertible into ordinary shares, or other similar instruments that have the potential, if exercised or converted, to give the entity voting power or reduce another party's voting power over the financial and operating policies of another entity (potential voting rights). The existence and effect of potential voting rights that are currently exercisable or convertible, including potential voting rights held by another entity, are considered when assessing whether an entity has the power to govern the financial and operating policies of another entity. Potential voting rights are not currently exercisable or convertible when, for example, they cannot be exercised or converted until a future date or until the occurrence of a future event.
- 15 In assessing whether potential voting rights contribute to control, the entity examines all facts and circumstances (including the terms of exercise of the

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\* See also NZ SIC-12 Consolidation—Special Purpose Entities.

potential voting rights and any other contractual arrangements whether considered individually or in combination) that affect potential voting rights, except the intention of management and the financial ability to exercise or convert such rights.

- 16 A subsidiary is not excluded from consolidation simply because the investor is a venture capital organisation, mutual fund, unit trust or similar entity.
- 17 A subsidiary is not excluded from consolidation because its business activities are dissimilar from those of the other entities within the group. Relevant information is provided by consolidating such subsidiaries and disclosing additional information in the consolidated financial statements about the different business activities of subsidiaries. For example, the disclosures required by NZ IFRS 8 *Operating Segments* help to explain the significance of different business activities within the group.

## **Consolidation procedures**

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- 18 In preparing consolidated financial statements, an entity combines the financial statements of the parent and its subsidiaries line by line by adding together like items of assets, liabilities, equity, income and expenses. In order that the consolidated financial statements present financial information about the group as that of a single economic entity, the following steps are then taken:
- (a) the carrying amount of the parent's investment in each subsidiary and the parent's portion of equity of each subsidiary are eliminated (see NZ IFRS 3, which describes the treatment of any resultant goodwill);
  - (b) non-controlling interests in the profit or loss of consolidated subsidiaries for the reporting period are identified; and
  - (c) non-controlling interests in the net assets of consolidated subsidiaries are identified separately from the parent's ownership interests in them. Non-controlling interests in the net assets consist of:
    - (i) the amount of those non-controlling interests at the date of the original combination calculated in accordance with NZ IFRS 3; and
    - (ii) the non-controlling interests' share of changes in equity since the date of the combination.
- 19 When potential voting rights exist, the proportions of profit or loss and changes in equity allocated to the parent and non-controlling interests are determined on the basis of present ownership interests and do not reflect the possible exercise or conversion of potential voting rights.

- 20 Intragroup balances, transactions, income and expenses shall be eliminated in full.**
- 21 Intragroup balances and transactions, including income, expenses and dividends, are eliminated in full. Profits and losses resulting from intragroup transactions that are recognised in assets, such as inventory and fixed assets, are eliminated in full. Intragroup losses may indicate an impairment that requires recognition in the consolidated financial statements. NZ IAS 12 *Income Taxes* applies to temporary differences that arise from the elimination of profits and losses resulting from intragroup transactions.
- 22 The financial statements of the parent and its subsidiaries used in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements shall be prepared as of the same date. When the end of the reporting period of the parent is different from that of a subsidiary, the subsidiary prepares, for consolidation purposes, additional financial statements as of the same date as the financial statements of the parent unless it is impracticable to do so.**
- 23 When, in accordance with paragraph 22, the financial statements of a subsidiary used in the preparation of consolidated financial statements are prepared as of a date different from that of the parent's financial statements, adjustments shall be made for the effects of significant transactions or events that occur between that date and the date of the parent's financial statements. In any case, the difference between the end of the reporting period of the subsidiary and that of the parent shall be no more than three months. The length of the reporting periods and any difference between the ends of the reporting periods shall be the same from period to period.

**Public Benefit Entities**

- NZ 23.1** The difference between the end of the reporting periods shall be no more than three months, except in the rare circumstances where:
- (a) statute fixes the end of the reporting period of a subsidiary greater than three months from the end of the reporting period of the parent's own financial statements included in the consolidated financial statements; and
  - (b) no reliable interim financial information for the subsidiary covering a reporting period not more than three months different to that of the parent is able to be obtained.

- 24 Consolidated financial statements shall be prepared using uniform accounting policies for like transactions and other events in similar circumstances.

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- 25 If a member of the group uses accounting policies other than those adopted in the consolidated financial statements for like transactions and events in similar circumstances, appropriate adjustments are made to its financial statements in preparing the consolidated financial statements.
- 26 The income and expenses of a subsidiary are included in the consolidated financial statements from the acquisition date as defined in NZ IFRS 3. Income and expenses of the subsidiary shall be based on the values of the assets and liabilities recognised in the parent's consolidated financial statements at the acquisition date. For example, depreciation expense recognised in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income after the acquisition date shall be based on the fair values of the related depreciable assets recognised in the consolidated financial statements at the acquisition date. The income and expenses of a subsidiary are included in the consolidated financial statements until the date when the parent ceases to control the subsidiary.
- 27 Non-controlling interests shall be presented in the consolidated statement of financial position within equity, separately from the equity of the owners of the parent.**
- 28 Profit or loss and each component of other comprehensive income are attributed to the owners of the parent and to the non-controlling interests. Total comprehensive income is attributed to the owners of the parent and to the non-controlling interests even if this results in the non-controlling interests having a deficit balance.
- 29 If a subsidiary has outstanding cumulative preference shares that are classified as equity and are held by non-controlling interests, the parent computes its share of profit or loss after adjusting for the dividends on such shares, whether or not dividends have been declared.
- 30 Changes in a parent's ownership interest in a subsidiary that do not result in a loss of control are accounted for as equity transactions (ie transactions with owners in their capacity as owners).**
- 31 In such circumstances the carrying amounts of the controlling and non-controlling interests shall be adjusted to reflect the changes in their relative interests in the subsidiary. Any difference between the amount by which the non-controlling interests are adjusted and the fair value of the consideration paid or received shall be recognised directly in equity and attributed to the owners of the parent.

## Loss of control

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- 32 A parent can lose control of a subsidiary with or without a change in absolute or relative ownership levels. This could occur, for example, when a subsidiary becomes subject to the control of a government, court, administrator or regulator. It also could occur as a result of a contractual agreement.
- 33 A parent might lose control of a subsidiary in two or more arrangements (transactions). However, sometimes circumstances indicate that the multiple arrangements should be accounted for as a single transaction. In determining whether to account for the arrangements as a single transaction, a parent shall consider all of the terms and conditions of the arrangements and their economic effects. One or more of the following may indicate that the parent should account for the multiple arrangements as a single transaction:
- (a) They are entered into at the same time or in contemplation of each other.
  - (b) They form a single transaction designed to achieve an overall commercial effect.
  - (c) The occurrence of one arrangement is dependent on the occurrence of at least one other arrangement.
  - (d) One arrangement considered on its own is not economically justified, but it is economically justified when considered together with other arrangements. An example is when one disposal of shares is priced below market and is compensated for by a subsequent disposal priced above market.
- 34 **If a parent loses control of a subsidiary, it:**
- (a) **derecognises the assets (including any goodwill) and liabilities of the subsidiary at their carrying amounts at the date when control is lost;**
  - (b) **derecognises the carrying amount of any non-controlling interests in the former subsidiary at the date when control is lost (including any components of other comprehensive income attributable to them);**
  - (c) **recognises:**
    - (i) **the fair value of the consideration received, if any, from the transaction, event or circumstances that resulted in the loss of control; and**
    - (ii) **if the transaction that resulted in the loss of control involves a distribution of shares of the subsidiary to owners in their capacity as owners, that distribution;**

- (d) **recognises any investment retained in the former subsidiary at its fair value at the date when control is lost;**
- (e) **reclassifies to profit or loss, or transfers directly to retained earnings if required in accordance with other NZ IFRSs, the amounts identified in paragraph 35; and**
- (f) **recognises any resulting difference as a gain or loss in profit or loss attributable to the parent.**

35 If a parent loses control of a subsidiary, the parent shall account for all amounts recognised in other comprehensive income in relation to that subsidiary on the same basis as would be required if the parent had directly disposed of the related assets or liabilities. Therefore, if a gain or loss previously recognised in other comprehensive income would be reclassified to profit or loss on the disposal of the related assets or liabilities, the parent reclassifies the gain or loss from equity to profit or loss (as a reclassification adjustment) when it loses control of the subsidiary. For example, if a subsidiary has available-for-sale financial assets and the parent loses control of the subsidiary, the parent shall reclassify to profit or loss the gain or loss previously recognised in other comprehensive income in relation to those assets. Similarly, if a revaluation surplus previously recognised in other comprehensive income would be transferred directly to retained earnings on the disposal of the asset, the parent transfers the revaluation surplus directly to retained earnings when it loses control of the subsidiary.

36 **On the loss of control of a subsidiary, any investment retained in the former subsidiary and any amounts owed by or to the former subsidiary shall be accounted for in accordance with other NZ IFRSs from the date when control is lost.**

37 The fair value of any investment retained in the former subsidiary at the date when control is lost shall be regarded as the fair value on initial recognition of a financial asset in accordance with NZ IAS 39 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement* or, when appropriate, the cost on initial recognition of an investment in an associate or jointly controlled entity.

## Accounting for investments in subsidiaries, jointly controlled entities and associates in separate financial statements

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**38** When an entity prepares separate financial statements, it shall account for investments in subsidiaries, jointly controlled entities and associates either:

- (a) at cost, or
- (b) in accordance with NZ IAS 39.

The entity shall apply the same accounting for each category of investments. Investments accounted for at cost shall be accounted for in accordance with NZ IFRS 5 *Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations* when they are classified as held for sale (or included in a disposal group that is classified as held for sale) in accordance with NZ IFRS 5. The measurement of investments accounted for in accordance with NZ IAS 39 is not changed in such circumstances.

**38A** An entity shall recognise a dividend from a subsidiary, jointly controlled entity or associate in profit or loss in its separate financial statements when its right to receive the dividend is established.

**38B** When a parent reorganises the structure of its group by establishing a new entity as its parent in a manner that satisfies the following criteria:

- (a) the new parent obtains control of the original parent by issuing equity instruments in exchange for existing equity instruments of the original parent;
- (b) the assets and liabilities of the new group and the original group are the same immediately before and after the reorganisation; and
- (c) the owners of the original parent before the reorganisation have the same absolute and relative interests in the net assets of the original group and the new group immediately before and after the reorganisation

and the new parent accounts for its investment in the original parent in accordance with paragraph 38(a) in its separate financial statements, the new parent shall measure cost at the carrying amount of its share of the equity items shown in the separate financial statements of the original parent at the date of the reorganisation.

**38C** Similarly, an entity that is not a parent might establish a new entity as its parent in a manner that satisfies the criteria in paragraph 38B. The requirements in paragraph 38B apply equally to such reorganisations. In such

cases, references to ‘original parent’ and ‘original group’ are to the ‘original entity’.

- 39 This Standard does not mandate which entities produce separate financial statements available for public use. Paragraphs 38 and 40–43 apply when an entity prepares separate financial statements that comply with New Zealand equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards. The entity also produces consolidated financial statements available for public use as required by paragraph 9, unless the exemption provided in paragraph 10 is applicable.
- 40 **Investments in jointly controlled entities and associates that are accounted for in accordance with NZ IAS 39 in the consolidated financial statements shall be accounted for in the same way in the investor’s separate financial statements.**

## **Disclosure**

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- 41 **The following disclosures shall be made in consolidated financial statements:**
- (a) **the nature of the relationship between the parent and a subsidiary when the parent does not own, directly or indirectly through subsidiaries, more than half of the voting power;**
  - (b) **the reasons why the ownership, directly or indirectly through subsidiaries, of more than half of the voting or potential voting power of an investee does not constitute control;**
  - (c) **the end of the reporting period of the financial statements of a subsidiary when such financial statements are used to prepare consolidated financial statements and are as of a date or for a period that is different from that of the parent’s financial statements, and the reason for using a different date or period;**
  - (d) **the nature and extent of any significant restrictions (eg resulting from borrowing arrangements or regulatory requirements) on the ability of subsidiaries to transfer funds to the parent in the form of cash dividends or to repay loans or advances;**
  - (e) **a schedule that shows the effects of any changes in a parent’s ownership interest in a subsidiary that do not result in a loss of control on the equity attributable to owners of the parent; and**
  - (f) **if control of a subsidiary is lost, the parent shall disclose the gain or loss, if any, recognised in accordance with paragraph 34, and:**

- (i) the portion of that gain or loss attributable to recognising any investment retained in the former subsidiary at its fair value at the date when control is lost; and
- (ii) the line item(s) in the statement of comprehensive income in which the gain or loss is recognised (if not presented separately in the statement of comprehensive income).

**42** When separate financial statements are prepared for a parent that, in accordance with paragraph 10, elects not to prepare consolidated financial statements, those separate financial statements shall disclose:

- (a) the fact that the financial statements are separate financial statements; that the exemption from consolidation has been used; the name and country of incorporation or residence of the entity whose consolidated financial statements that comply with New Zealand equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards have been produced for public use; and the address where those consolidated financial statements are obtainable;
- (b) a list of significant investments in subsidiaries, jointly controlled entities and associates, including the name, country of incorporation or residence, proportion of ownership interest and, if different, proportion of voting power held; and
- (c) a description of the method used to account for the investments listed under (b).

**43** When a parent (other than a parent covered by paragraph 42), venturer with an interest in a jointly controlled entity or an investor in an associate prepares separate financial statements, those separate financial statements shall disclose:

- (a) the fact that the statements are separate financial statements and the reasons why those statements are prepared if not required by law;
- (b) a list of significant investments in subsidiaries, jointly controlled entities and associates, including the name, country of incorporation or residence, proportion of ownership interest and, if different, proportion of voting power held; and
- (c) a description of the method used to account for the investments listed under (b);

and shall identify the financial statements prepared in accordance with paragraph 9 of this Standard or NZ IAS 28 and NZ IAS 31 to which they relate.

## Effective date and transition

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- 44 An entity shall apply this Standard for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2007. Early adoption of this Standard is permitted only when an entity complies, or has complied, with NZ IFRS 1 *First-time Adoption of New Zealand Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards*.
- 45 An entity shall apply the amendments to NZ IAS 27 made in 2008 in paragraphs 4, 18, 19, 26–37 and 41(e) and (f) for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2009. Earlier application is permitted. However, an entity shall not apply these amendments for annual periods beginning before 1 July 2009 unless it also applies NZ IFRS 3 (as revised in 2008). If an entity applies the amendments before 1 July 2009, it shall disclose that fact. An entity shall apply the amendments retrospectively, with the following exceptions:
- (a) the amendment to paragraph 28 for attributing total comprehensive income to the owners of the parent and to the non-controlling interests even if this results in the non-controlling interests having a deficit balance. Therefore, an entity shall not restate any profit or loss attribution for reporting periods before the amendment is applied.
  - (b) the requirements in paragraphs 30 and 31 for accounting for changes in ownership interests in a subsidiary after control is obtained. Therefore, the requirements in paragraphs 30 and 31 do not apply to changes that occurred before an entity applies the amendments.
  - (c) the requirements in paragraphs 34–37 for the loss of control of a subsidiary. An entity shall not restate the carrying amount of an investment in a former subsidiary if control was lost before it applies those amendments. In addition, an entity shall not recalculate any gain or loss on the loss of control of a subsidiary that occurred before the amendments are applied.
- 45A Paragraph 38 was amended by *Improvements to NZ IFRSs* issued in June 2008. An entity shall apply that amendment for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009, prospectively from the date at which it first applied NZ IFRS 5. Earlier application is permitted. If an entity applies the amendment for an earlier period it shall disclose that fact.
- 45B *Cost of an Investment in a Subsidiary, Jointly Controlled Entity or Associate* (Amendments to NZ IFRS 1 and NZ IAS 27), issued in June 2008, deleted the definition of the cost method from paragraph 4 and added paragraph 38A. An entity shall apply those amendments prospectively for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009. Earlier application is permitted. If an entity applies the changes for an earlier period, it shall disclose that fact and apply the related amendments to NZ IAS 18, NZ IAS 21 and NZ IAS 36 at the same time.

- 45C *Cost of an Investment in a Subsidiary, Jointly Controlled Entity or Associate* (Amendments to NZ IFRS 1 and NZ IAS 27), issued in June 2008, added paragraphs 38B and 38C. An entity shall apply those paragraphs prospectively to reorganisations occurring in annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009. Earlier application is permitted. In addition, an entity may elect to apply paragraphs 38B and 38C retrospectively to past reorganisations within the scope of those paragraphs. However, if an entity restates any reorganisation to comply with paragraph 38B or 38C, it shall restate all later reorganisations within the scope of those paragraphs. If an entity applies paragraph 38B or 38C for an earlier period, it shall disclose that fact.

**Qualifying Entities**

NZ 45C.1 The *Omnibus Amendments* (2009-1) inserted paragraph NZ 3.1 and amended paragraph 10(d). An entity shall apply these amendments for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2009. Early application is permitted. If an entity applies these amendments for an earlier period it shall disclose that fact.

**Withdrawal of NZ IAS 27 (2004)**

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- 46 This Standard supersedes NZ IAS 27 *Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements* (issued 2004).

## **Appendix**

### **Amendments to other pronouncements**

*The amendments in this appendix shall be applied for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2009. If an entity applies the amendments to NZ IAS 27 for an earlier period, these amendments shall be applied for that earlier period. In amended paragraphs, deleted text is struck through and new text is underlined.*

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*The amendments contained in this appendix when this Standard, as amended in 2008, was issued have been incorporated into the relevant pronouncements published in this volume.*

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