

Summary of Decisions Reached

FASB Board Meeting October 1, 2008 *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes*

At the October 1, 2008 meeting, the Board redeliberated the applicability of FASB Interpretation No. 48, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes*, to private companies. The Board reached the following consensuses related to the proposed issuance of one or more FASB Staff Positions on Interpretation 48:

1. **Scope of Interpretation 48:** The Board agreed to retain the current scope of Interpretation 48 so it is still applicable to all entities, public and private, including pass-through entities and not-for-profit organizations.
2. **Guidance for Pass-Through Entities:** The Board agreed to develop application guidance on Interpretation 48 for pass-through entities.
3. **Deferral for Pass-Through Entities:** The Board agreed on a one-year deferral of Interpretation 48 for all private pass-through entities based on the entity's federal income tax status. The Board directed the staff to determine whether the proposed scope of the deferral is viable and will not create unintended consequences.
4. **Disclosure Requirements of Interpretation 48:** The Board agreed to exempt private companies from the disclosure requirements in paragraphs 21(a) and 21(b) of Interpretation 48. The Board agreed that private companies should not be exempt from the other disclosure requirements of Interpretation 48.
5. **Issuance of FASB Staff Positions:** The Board anticipates the issuance of three proposed FSPs related to Interpretation 48.
 - a. The staff will draft a proposed FSP to expose the Board's consensuses related to the deferral of Interpretation 48 for certain private entities (see item 3 above). The proposed FSP would include a request for comments on issues that private pass-through entities have encountered related to Interpretation 48.
 - b. The staff will draft a proposed FSP to expose the Board's consensuses related to the applicability to private entities of certain disclosures required by Interpretation 48 (see item 4 above).
 - c. The Board anticipates that a third proposed FSP will be drafted to provide guidance on the application of Interpretation 48 to pass-through entities. This proposed FSP will incorporate comments received from the proposed FSP discussed in item 5(a) above.