To: FASB Board Members
From: Accounting for Financial Instruments Team
Subject: April 28, 2010 Board Meeting

Date: May 4, 2010

cc: Sutay

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Topic: Accounting for Financial Instruments: Financial Statement Presentation of Equity, Presentation of Own Credit Standing, and Comment Period

Basis for Discussion: Memorandum 59

Length of Discussion: 9:00 to 9:30 a.m.

Attendance:

Board members present: Herz, Linsmeier, Siegel, Seidman, and Smith

Board members absent: None

Staff in charge of topic: Homant, Laungani

Other staff at Board table: Golden, Sanguolo, Stoklosa, Wilkins, and Putnam

Other participants: Leisenring (IASB)
Type of Document and Timing Based on the Technical Plan:

The Board met to discuss issues relating to the development of an Exposure Draft of a proposed Accounting Standards Update on accounting for financial instruments. The Board’s technical plan calls for that document to be issued in the second quarter of 2010.

Summary of Decisions Reached:

The Board discussed the following issues:

1. How an entity should present the change in value of financial instruments included in accumulated other comprehensive income
2. The presentation of significant changes in fair value related to changes in an entity’s own credit standing in the statement of comprehensive income
3. The comment period for the proposed Accounting Standards Update on accounting for financial instruments.

The Board decided that an entity would separately present in the statement of financial position amounts included in accumulated other comprehensive income related to the changes in fair value or changes in the remeasurement amount for financial instruments for which those changes are recognized in other comprehensive income. (Vote 3-2)

The Board affirmed its February 24, 2010 decision that an entity would disclose on the face of the statement of comprehensive income, significant changes in the fair value of a financial liability arising from changes in the entity’s own credit standing (excluding changes in the price of credit). The Board decided to describe possible methods for calculating these changes in fair value in an appendix to the proposed Update. (Vote 3-2)

The Board decided that the comment period for the proposed Update would end on September 30, 2010. (Vote 5-0)

The Board directed the staff to draft a proposed Update for vote by written ballot. (Vote 5-0)

General Announcements: None.