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Representatives of the Financial Accounting Standards Board and the Accounting Standards Board of Japan Hold Biannual Meeting

Representatives of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) and the Accounting Standards Board of Japan (ASBJ) met on September 13 and 14, 2012, in Tokyo, Japan. This meeting was the thirteenth in a series of biannual meetings between the FASB and the ASBJ.

The FASB has been actively holding joint meetings with the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) to improve and converge U.S. GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

The ASBJ supports this effort by the FASB and the IASB towards developing high-quality global accounting standards and has been actively involved with their ongoing developments.

At this meeting, the FASB and the ASBJ provided updates on their recent activities, respectively, and exchanged views on the opportunities for continuing cooperation among the interested organizations, including national accounting standard-setters.

The FASB and the ASBJ also discussed the following projects currently under the deliberations by the FASB and the IASB:

- Financial instruments : classification and measurement (including the recent tentative decisions by the FASB and the IASB)
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- Revenue recognition (including the redeliberation items)
- Leases (including the recent deliberations that will lead to the re-exposure draft to be issued in the fourth quarter of 2012)

Furthermore, the FASB and the ASBJ exchanged views on the FASB's Invitation to Comment, *Disclosure Framework*, and several research topics.

The ASBJ and the FASB agreed that they would continue to exchange views on issues faced and potential future concerns.

Leslie F. Seidman, Chairman of the FASB, stated, “We look forward to continuing to work cooperatively with the ASBJ to share information about financial reporting. For many years, the FASB and the ASBJ have met periodically to share our technical perspectives, as well as the views of companies, auditors and others in our countries. The FASB and the ASBJ are both active participants in the International Forum of Accounting Standard Setters, and I know we find those meetings relevant and helpful in working through issues. We envision that the IASB can leverage the progress of strong national or regional standard setters to advance the development of standards in other areas.”

Ikuo Nishikawa, Chairman of the ASBJ, stated, “We had productive discussions with the representatives of the FASB regarding the common concerns within both the U.S. and Japan in relation to the development of global accounting standards, at a time when situations surrounding accounting standards are changing in both countries. We are committed to continue to contribute to the international development of accounting standards by having the opportunity to hold constructive discussions with the FASB, including this biannual meeting.”

The next joint meeting is planned in the first half of 2013 in Norwalk.

About the Accounting Standards Board of Japan

The Accounting Standards Board of Japan (ASBJ) was established in July 2001 as a private-sector organization. Accounting standards developed by the ASBJ are to be authorized by the Financial Services Agency as part of generally accepted accounting principles. The ASBJ develops accounting standards and implementation guidance that appropriately reflect the environment in which business enterprises operate. The ASBJ also communicates with corresponding organizations abroad and contributes to the development of global accounting standards. For more information about the ASBJ, visit its website at https://www.asb.or.jp/asb/top_e.do.

About the Financial Accounting Standards Board

Since 1973, the Financial Accounting Standards Board has been the designated organization in the private sector for establishing standards of financial accounting and reporting. Those standards govern the preparation of financial reports and are officially recognized as authoritative by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Such standards are essential to the efficient functioning of the economy because investors, creditors, auditors, and others rely on credible, transparent, and comparable financial information. For more information about the FASB, visit our website at www.fasb.org.