IAS19 - Revised 2011 - Changes and Implications

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Presentation Path

• Background

• Walk Through- Key Changes with Comparisons

• Choice of Discount Rate

• Next Steps

Background

- Revision Rationale (Two Pillars)
 - Create increased consistency in the accounting and reporting practices for employee benefits
 - Transition from a Prescriptive Disclosure Approach to a "Principles Based" Disclosure Approach
- These revisions are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January, 2013

Recognition of Actuarial Gains and Losses

Accounting Standard (AS)	Status	Driver and Impact
IAS 19	 Post Employment Benefits Related Actuarial Gains and Losses : Immediate Recognition through OCI Immediate Recognition through profit or loss Deferred recognition through profit or loss using the corridor approach Other Long Term Employee Benefits related Actuarial Gains and Losses Immediate Recognition through profit or loss and no corridor is applied 	 Corridor Approach leads to less volatility in the balance sheet

Recognition of Actuarial Gains and Losses

Accounting Standard (AS)	Status	Driver and Impact
IAS 19 R	 Post Employment Benefits Related: Immediate Recognition of Actuarial Gains and Losses through OCI No subsequent recycling of amounts recognised in OCI into profit or loss Other Long Term 	 Elimination of Corridor Approach will vastly improve the comparability and the understandability of amounts reported by entities Concerns about period to period fluctuations are addressed by requiring these fluctuations to be
	Employee Benefits Related :	recognized through OCI
	 ✓ Immediate Recognition of Actuarial Gains and Losses 	 Change can result in increased balance sheet volatility for entities currently applying the corridor approach

Recognition of Actuarial Gains and Losses

Accounting Standard (AS)	Status	Driver and Impact
IND AS 19	 Immediate Recognition through OCI 	
AS15 R	Immediate Recognition through profit or loss	

Recognition of Past Service Cost

Accounting Standard (AS)	Status	Driver and Impact
IAS 19	 Vested Past Service cost are recognized when plan amendments occur 	
	 Unvested Past Service cost (positive and negative) are recognized on a straight line basis over the average period until the benefits become vested 	
	 When a plan amendment reduces benefits only the effect of the reduction for future service is a curtailment. effect of any reduction for past service is a negative past service cost. 	

Recognition of Past Service Cost

Accounting Standard (AS)	Status	Driver and Impact
IAS 19 R	 Past service cost is the change in the present value of the DBO resulting from a plan amendment or curtailment Past service cost is recognized as an expense at the earlier of the following dates When a plan amendment or curtailment or curtailment or service curtailment or curtailment or curtailment or service curtailment or se	 Greater volatility in the balance sheet and the profit or loss when unvested past service cost arise as a result of plan amendments or curtailments Co-ordinates accounting treatments for plan amendments for plan amendments and curtailments from a timing perspective

Recognition of Past Service Cost

Accounting Standard (AS)	Status	Driver and Impact
Ind AS 19	• Same as IAS 19	
AS15 R	 Accounting treatment for past service cost is same as IAS 19 No explicit reference to negative past service cost in the context of curtailment 	

Net Interest Approach

Accounting Standard (AS)	Status	Driver and Impact
IAS 19	 Service cost , interest expense on DBO and expected return on plan assets are recognized in profit or loss 	 Impact on profit or loss will depend on the composition of plan assets

Net Interest Approach

Accounting Standard (AS)	Status	Driver and Impact
IAS 19 R	 Net interest on net DB liability (asset) is determined by multiplying the net DB liability (asset) by the discount rate determined at the start of the annual reporting period. Remeasurements related to return on plan assets are recognized through OCI 	 The link between profit or loss and the risk profile of the plan assets is removed Financial impact of the change on profit or loss will be driven by the level of funding and composition of plan assets

Net Interest Approach

Accounting Standard (AS)	Status	Driver and Impact
IND AS 19	• Same as IAS 19	
AS 15 R	• Same as IAS 19	

Modified Disclosures

Accounting Standard (AS)	Status	Driver and Impact
IAS 19 R	 Creating disclosure objectives Provide sufficient disclosures about DB plans when those plans are material to the entity's operations Provide users of financial statements with relevant information that is not obscured by excessive detail 	

Modified Disclosures

Accounting Standard (AS)	Status	Driver and Impact
IAS 19 R	 Additional Disclosures : ✓ Describe the entity's risk exposure arising from its DB plans ✓ Segregate and disclose impact of actuarial gains and losses attributable to demographic assumptions and financial assumptions ✓ Disaggregate fair value of plan assets based on nature and risks of assets 	

Modified Disclosures

Accounting Standard (AS)	Status	Driver and Impact
IAS 19 R	 Disclose maturity profile of the DBO including the 	Principles based approach to disclosure
	weighted average duration of the DBO	 Calls for judgment in determining significant actuarial assumptions
	 Disclose details of any asset – liability matching strategies 	and assessing what constitutes a reasonably possible change in these
	 Quantify sensitivity of the DBO to 	assumptions
	<u>reasonably possible</u> <u>changes</u> in <u>significant</u> <u>actuarial</u> assumptions	 Calls for early communication with the plan actuary and the plan administrator

Disclosure requirements under IAS 19, IND AS 19 and AS15 R are more or less identical

Short Term Employee Benefits - Redefined

Accounting Standard (AS)	Status	Driver and Impact
IAS 19	 Short term employee benefits are employee benefits (other than termination benefits) that are <u>due to be settled</u> within 12 months after the end of the period in which the employee renders the related service 	

Short Term Employee Benefits - Redefined

Accounting Standard (AS)	Status	Driver and Impact
IAS 19 R	 Short term employee benefits are employee benefits (other than termination benefits) that are <u>expected to be</u> <u>settled wholly</u> before 12 months after the end of the period in which the employee renders the related service 	 Distinction between short term and "other long term employee benefits" will be determined by the expected timing of settlement as opposed to when the employees are entitled to the benefits
		 Hence some benefit plans currently classified as short term employee benefits may get reclassified as "Other long term employee benefits" under IAS 19 R

Added Clarity on Termination Benefits

Accounting Standard (AS)	Definition and Measurement
IAS 19 R	 Termination benefits are amounts paid to employees in exchange for termination of employment . They exclude any amounts paid in exchange for future service Termination benefit in the context of a unider restructuring are responsed at
	wider restructuring are recognized at the same time as the other restructuring costs
	 Other termination benefits are recognized only when the offer cannot be withdrawn.
	 Measurement criteria for termination benefits will mirror the measurement criteria applied to employee benefits

Choice of Discount Rate

Accounting Standard (AS)	Current Status
IAS 19	 The discount rate is determined with reference to the market yield on high quality corporate bonds of relevant duration. In countries where there is no deep market in high quality corporate bonds, the market yield on Government bonds of relevant duration can be used The relevant duration is the estimated remaining term of the obligations
IAS 19R	Same as above
IND AS 19	• The discount rate is determined with reference to the yield on Government bonds of relevant duration
AS15R	Same as IND AS 19

Next Steps

- Need to communicate early with the plan actuary and the plan administrators
- Modified Disclosure Requirements require additional data to be gathered -possibly through a standardized questionnaire- on aspects like
 - Characteristics of DB Plans
 - Entity's risk exposure arising from DB plans
 - Asset Break up
 - Asset Ceiling
 - Significant Actuarial Assumptions
 - Assumption Sensitivities (e.g.: Discount Rate 1%, Salary Escalation +1%, Life Expectancy + n years, etc)
 - Maturity Profile of Assets
 - Asset- Liability Matching Strategies
- Need to develop an Actuarial Practice Standard (APS) related to Actuarial Reports Under IAS 19 R - possible convergence of IAS19R IND AS19 AND AS15R

Deliberations

Thank You