## SINGAPORE FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS (INTERNATIONAL)

# SFRS(I) INT 1-29 Service Concession Arrangements: Disclosures

This Interpretation is applicable for annual reporting period beginning on 1 January 2021.

SFRS(I) Interpretation 1-29 Service Concession Arrangements: Disclosures (SFRS(I) INT 1-29) is set out in paragraphs 6–7. SFRS(I) INT 1-29 should be read in the context of the Basis for Conclusions on International Financial Reporting Standards. The scope and authority of Interpretations are set out in the *Preface to Singapore Financial Reporting Standards (International)*.

#### Preface

Singapore Financial Reporting Standards (International) (SFRS(I)s) are available for entities to apply for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018.

The first volume of SFRS(I)s contains the equivalent of the consolidated text of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) at 31 December 2017 that are applicable for annual reporting period beginning on 1 January 2018.

In this Interpretation, paragraphs with a prefix 'IFRS' refer to effective date, transition provisions and/or other text that are extracted from IFRSs. An entity that is not a first-time adopter shall apply those requirements, if applicable<sup>1</sup>. Paragraphs that are specific to SFRS(I)s are indicated with a prefix 'SG'.

Notwithstanding the effective date and transition provisions in this Interpretation, an entity that is a first-time adopter of SFRS(I)s<sup>2</sup> shall:

- (A) Initially apply this Interpretation in the first annual period in which it adopts SFRS(I)s; and
- (B) Apply SFRS(I) 1 First-time Adoption of Singapore Financial Reporting Standards (International) in its first SFRS(I) financial statements. The entity shall also apply SFRS(I) 1 in each interim financial report that it presents in accordance with SFRS(I) 1-34 Interim Financial Reporting for any part of the period covered by its first SFRS(I) financial statements.

SFRS(I) INT 1-29 Service Concession Arrangements: Disclosures is equivalent to SIC-29 Service Concession Arrangements: Disclosures. An entity that complies with SFRS(I) INT 1-29 can simultaneously comply with SIC-29.

<sup>1</sup> For example, SFRS(I) 1 *First-time Adoption of Singapore Financial Reporting Standards (International)* specifies that the transitional provisions in SFRS(I)s apply to a transitioning entity's transition to SFRS(I)s. SFRS(I) 1 defines a 'transitioning entity' as an entity that presents its first SFRS(I) financial statements, and that presented its annual financial statements in the most recent previous year that contained an explicit and unreserved statement of compliance with IFRSs.

<sup>2</sup> SFRS(I) 1 *First-time Adoption of Singapore Financial Reporting Standards (International)* defines a 'first-time adopter' as an entity that presents its first SFRS(I) financial statements. A first-time adopter excludes a transitioning entity.

## SFRS(I) Interpretation 1-29 Service Concession Arrangements: Disclosures

## References

- SFRS(I) 16 *Leases*
- SFRS(I) 1-1 Presentation of Financial Statements
- SFRS(I) 1-16 Property, Plant and Equipment
- SFRS(I) 1-37 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets
- SFRS(I) 1-38 Intangible Assets
- SFRS(I) INT 12 Service Concession Arrangements

### Issue

- 1 An entity (the operator) may enter into an arrangement with another entity (the grantor) to provide services that give the public access to major economic and social facilities. The grantor may be a public or private sector entity, including a governmental body. Examples of service concession arrangements involve water treatment and supply facilities, motorways, car parks, tunnels, bridges, airports and telecommunication networks. Examples of arrangements that are not service concession arrangements include an entity outsourcing the operation of its internal services (eg employee cafeteria, building maintenance, and accounting or information technology functions).
- 2 A service concession arrangement generally involves the grantor conveying for the period of the concession to the operator:
  - (a) the right to provide services that give the public access to major economic and social facilities, and
  - (b) in some cases, the right to use specified tangible assets, intangible assets, or financial assets,

in exchange for the operator:

- (c) committing to provide the services according to certain terms and conditions during the concession period, and
- (d) when applicable, committing to return at the end of the concession period the rights received at the beginning of the concession period and/or acquired during the concession period.
- 3 The common characteristic of all service concession arrangements is that the operator both receives a right and incurs an obligation to provide public services.
- 4 The issue is what information should be disclosed in the notes in the financial statements of an operator and a grantor.
- 5 Certain aspects and disclosures relating to some service concession arrangements are already addressed by existing Singapore Financial Reporting Standards (International) (eg SFRS(I) 1-16 applies to acquisitions of items of property, plant and equipment, SFRS(I) 16 applies to leases of assets, and SFRS(I) 1-38 applies to acquisitions of intangible assets). However, a service concession arrangement may involve executory contracts that are not addressed in Singapore Financial Reporting Standards (International), unless the contracts

are onerous, in which case SFRS(I) 1-37 applies. Therefore, this Interpretation addresses additional disclosures of service concession arrangements.

## Consensus

- 6 All aspects of a service concession arrangement shall be considered in determining the appropriate disclosures in the notes. An operator and a grantor shall disclose the following in each period:
  - (a) a description of the arrangement;
  - (b) significant terms of the arrangement that may affect the amount, timing and certainty of future cash flows (eg the period of the concession, re-pricing dates and the basis upon which re-pricing or re-negotiation is determined);
  - (c) the nature and extent (eg quantity, time period or amount as appropriate) of:
    - (i) rights to use specified assets;
    - (ii) obligations to provide or rights to expect provision of services;
    - (iii) obligations to acquire or build items of property, plant and equipment;
    - (iv) obligations to deliver or rights to receive specified assets at the end of the concession period;
    - (v) renewal and termination options; and
    - (vi) other rights and obligations (eg major overhauls);
  - (d) changes in the arrangement occurring during the period; and
  - (e) how the service arrangement has been classified.
- 6A An operator shall disclose the amount of revenue and profits or losses recognised in the period on exchanging construction services for a financial asset or an intangible asset.
- 7 The disclosures required in accordance with paragraph 6 of this Interpretation shall be provided individually for each service concession arrangement or in aggregate for each class of service concession arrangements. A class is a grouping of service concession arrangements involving services of a similar nature (eg toll collections, telecommunications and water treatment services).

### Date of consensus

IFRS. May 2001

### **Effective date**

- IFRS. [SIC-29 Service Concession Arrangements: Disclosures (issued by IASB in December 2001)]<sup>3</sup> becomes effective on 31 December 2001.
- IFRS. An entity shall apply the amendment in paragraphs 6(e) and 6A for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2008. If an entity applies IFRIC 12 for an earlier period, the amendment shall be applied for that earlier period.

<sup>3</sup> The title of SIC-29, formerly Disclosure—Service Concession Arrangements, was amended by IFRIC 12.

SFRS(I) 16 *Leases* [IFRS 16 *Leases*, issued by IASB in January 2016] amended paragraph 5. An entity shall apply that amendment when it applies SFRS(I) 16.