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Dear Sirs

FRED 77 Draft amendments to FRS 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework ("FRS 101") 2020/21 cycle ("the Exposure Draft)

We welcome the opportunity to comment on the above discussion paper.

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Our response

We welcome the opportunity to comment on the exposure draft and our responses are noted below.

In the appendix to this letter, we have noted our responses to each of the questions outlined. Apart from recommending clarification of an effective date for the amendments, we are in agreement with the exposure draft.

Finally, we would recommend that the FRC issues a consolidated version of FRS 101 incorporating all amendments to date. We believe that this would be a particularly useful document showing a final snapshot of that standard prior to making future amendments arising from the United Kingdom's departure from the European Union.

Yours faithfully



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Appendix – MHA MacIntyre Hudson Response to the Exposure Draft Question 1

Do you agree with the proposed amendments to FRS 101? If not, why not?

In paragraph 20 to the proposed amendments in the exposure draft the following is stated:

"Paragraph 8 of FRS 101 notes that the exemptions are available from when the relevant standard is applied. Therefore, there is no need to amend the effective date for these proposed amendments."

We could not see any reference to effective dates in paragraph 8 so we presume the reference should have been to the table in paragraph 7, however there are many effective dates given in that paragraph ranging from 1 January 2021 to 1 January 2023.

In the final version of the amendments, we recommend that the effective date of the amendments is shown consistently with past amendments to FRS 101 (see paragraphs 11 to 14 of FRS 101).

In respect of the proposed the removal of the reference to the disclosure requirements of paragraph 74A(b) of IAS 16 *Property, plant and equipment* we do not believe that this disclosure is of such relevance so that it would affect the decisions of users of financial statements.

We also agree that references to IAS 1 *Presentation of financial statements* dating back to accounting periods commencing before 1 January 2013 should be removed. They have not been relevant for quite some time.

Finally, we agree that amendments to FRS 101 arising because of the UK exiting from the European Union should not be part of this cycle of amendments, but we recommend that a final consolidated version of FRS 101 should be issued because of this amendment cycle.

Question 2

Do you agree that no other amendments to FRS 101 are required for the other IASB projects outlined in paragraph 7 of the Basis for Conclusions?

In particular, do you agree that an exemption should not be provided from the disclosure requirements introduced by Covid-19-Related Rent Concessions (Amendments to IFRS 16)?

Yes, we are in agreement that no other amendments should be made in respect of the other IASB projects listed in paragraph 7.

We believe that the disclosure requirements introduced by the amendments to IFRS 16 *Leases* arising because of the impact of COVID-19 are important disclosures providing useful information to the users of financial statements of an affected qualifying entity.

Question 3

In relation to the Consultation stage impact assessment, do you have any comments on the costs and benefits identified? Please provide evidence to support your views.

We have no comment.