

FASB and IASB Set Revised Target Dates for Convergence

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Dear clients and friends:

On June 2, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) and the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) announced that they have established the second half of 2011 as a new target date for completing certain major projects related to the convergence of US GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

The **FASB** and the **IASB** said they will keep June 30, 2011 as their goal for many of the projects in their planned convergence, but said they will extend their target completion dates on several projects to the second half of 2011.

The impact of the pending convergence means that U.S. public companies should expect some to-be-determined changes in existing US GAAP standards and a possible shift to IFRS in the future.

In their **statement** on June 2, the FASB and the IASB said that they will “stagger the publication of Exposure Drafts and related consultations to enable the broad-based and effective stakeholder participation in due process that is critically important to the quality of their standards.”

In a May 18 speech to the CFA Institute, Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Mary Schapiro said the SEC supports convergence and global accounting standards. Schapiro also said she feels that the two boards need time to analyze input they receive from companies, investors and other stakeholders.

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In a **statement issued on February 24, 2010**, the SEC said it expects that 2015 would be the earliest when U.S. companies would be required to report under a new system.

If you would like additional information on the FASB/IASB project for convergence of accounting standards, do not hesitate to contact us at (305) 373-5500.

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