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Dear Mr Lennard

### **Discussion Paper: Improving the Statement of Cash Flows**

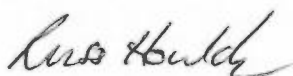
We welcome the opportunity to comment on the above Discussion Paper. Whilst we have not answered the individual questions in the discussion paper, as this is best left to individual companies, in general we found the proposals supportable and pragmatic. However, we do not agree with the proposal that capital expenditure should be split between 'replacement' and 'expansion' as, in our experience, the two often go hand-in-hand; accordingly any split would, in many cases, be arbitrary. As such, the proposals, in their current form, are likely to lead to divergences in practice and diminish the usefulness of the statement in this respect.

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