Deutsches Rechnungslegungs Standards Committee e.V.

Accounting Standards Committee of Germany



Report by the ASCG on the 38th meeting of its German GAAP Technical Committee and the 28th Public Meeting of the ASCG on 17th July 2018 in Berlin

After having concluded on remaining editorial issues, in its 28th public meeting the German GAAP Technical Committee of the ASCG has unanimously adopted German Accounting Standard No. 26 Associates (GAS 26) and German Accounting Standard No. 27 Proportionate Consolidation (GAS 27). GAS 26 and GAS 27 will now be forwarded to the Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection for publication in the Federal Gazette per section 342(2) of the HGB.

The German GAAP Technical Committee then received an overview on GAS 3 Segment Reporting and on GAS 18 Deferred Taxes with the aim of deciding on whether a revision of these standards is needed. The reasons for a potential reconsideration are implementation questions that have arisen on both standards.

The Technical Committee decided to revise both standards. When revising GAS 3, particular attention should be paid to the consistency with segment-specific information required by other GASs (e.g. GAS 20). Furthermore, the disclosure requirements should be balanced between information needs of users and cost of preparation for preparers.

In revising GAS 18, the issues of tax loss carryforwards, tax groups, prohibition of discounting, and recognition (in income or equity) should form the primary focus of the reassessment to come. Whilst agreeing on the general need for a revision, the Technical Committee did not yet conclude on whether the general underlying concept of GAS 18 or selected issues only should be deliberated.

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