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**GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANCY SECTOR  
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER**

May 20, 2024

**Mr. Ian Carruthers**

Chair, International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board (IPSASB)

Dear Mr. Carruthers,

Relative to your electronic email dated April 1, 2024, requesting COA's comments on the following exposure drafts (EDs) of the IPSASB:

1. ED 86, Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources;
2. ED 87, Stripping Costs in the Production Phase of a Surface Mine (Amendments to IPSAS 12); and
3. ED 88, Arrangements Conveying Rights Over Assets (Amendments to IPSAS 47 and IPSAS 48)

we submit the herein comments and recommendations/inputs of this Office, for consideration, please.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roy L. Ursal".

ROY L. URSAL  
Assistant Commissioner

REFERENCE	COMMENT(S) AND RECOMMENDATION(S)/INPUTS
<i>Exposure Draft 86: Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources</i>	
<p><b>Specific Matter for Comment 1:</b></p> <p>The IPSASB decided to propose an IFRS 6-aligned Standard in ED 86 (see paragraphs BC2-BC7). Do you agree that amendments for IFRS 6, for public sector, are limited to terminology and other IPSASB-specific formatting and consistency amendments (see paragraph BC8)?</p> <p>If not, please explain your reasons, stating clearly what further amendments are necessary and why.</p>	<p>The IPSASB has agreed that the development of the [draft] standard <i>Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources</i> in the public sector will be aligned in IFRS 6, <i>Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources</i>. As mentioned in BC8 of ED 86, the IPSASB did not identify any public sector reasons to depart from the principles in IFRS 6 in developing this standard.</p> <p>Therefore, we agree with the IPSASB’s position that for the public sector, the amendments to IFRS 6 will be limited only to terminology and other IPSASB-specific formatting and consistency amendments, thus being consistent in the development of the [draft] standard which is aligned to IFRS 6.</p> <p>However, we recommend that the IPSASB consider providing illustrative examples to assist entities in applying the proposed standard effectively. We suggest moving the paragraph 29 under the “Disclosure” portion instead of Transition, since it pertains to the application of paragraph 19 rather than discussing the transitional provision. Moreover, include transition provisions similar to ED 87.</p>