

# Accounting principles and methods

## 1. General information

IMMOBEL (hereafter named the "Company") is a limited company incorporated in Belgium. The address of its registered office is Rue de la Régence 58 at 1000 Brussels.

## 2. Statement of compliance with IFRS

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IFRS (International Financial Reporting Standards) as adopted in the European Union. The Board of Directors settled the consolidated financial statements and approved their publication on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

### STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS APPLICABLE FOR THE ANNUAL PERIOD BEGINNING ON 1 JANUARY 2015

- Improvements to IFRS (2011-2013) (applicable for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015)
- IFRIC 21 Levies (applicable for annual periods beginning on or after 17 June 2014)

### STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS PUBLISHED, BUT NOT YET APPLICABLE FOR THE ANNUAL PERIOD BEGINNING ON 1 JANUARY 2015

- IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments and subsequent amendments* (applicable for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018, but not yet endorsed in the EU)
- IFRS 14 *Regulatory Deferral Accounts* (applicable for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016, but not yet endorsed in the EU)
- IFRS 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* (applicable for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018, but not yet endorsed in EU)
- IFRS 16 *Leases* (applicable for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019, but not yet endorsed in EU)
- Improvements to IFRS (2010-2012) (applicable for annual periods beginning on or after 1 February 2015)
- Improvements to IFRS (2012-2014) (applicable for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016)
- Amendments to IFRS 10, IFRS 12 and IAS 28 *Investment Entities: Applying the Consolidation Exception* (applicable for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016, but not yet endorsed in EU)
- Amendments to IFRS 10 and IAS 28 *Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture* (the effective date has been deferred indefinitely, and therefore the endorsement in EU has been postponed)
- Amendments to IFRS 11 *Joint Arrangements - Accounting for Acquisitions of Interests in Joint Operations* (applicable for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016)

- Amendments to IAS 1 *Presentation of Financial Statements – Disclosure Initiative* (applicable for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016)
- Amendments to IAS 7 *Statement of Cash Flows – Disclosure Initiative* (applicable for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2017, but not yet endorsed in EU)
- Amendments to IAS 12 *Income Taxes – Recognition of Deferred Tax Assets for Unrealised Losses* (applicable for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2017, but not yet endorsed in EU)
- Amendments to IAS 16 and IAS 38 *Property, Plant and Equipment and Intangible Assets – Clarification of Acceptable Methods of Depreciation and Amortisation* (applicable for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016)
- Amendments to IAS 16 and IAS 41 *Agriculture: Bearer Plants* (applicable for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016)
- Amendments to IAS 19 *Employee Benefits - Employee Contributions* (applicable for annual periods beginning on or after 1 February 2015)
- Amendments to IAS 27 *Separate Financial Statements - Equity Method* (applicable for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016).

The impact of these new standards is under investigation by the Group, at least for IFRS15. We do expect changes in the revenue recognition compared to IFRIC15, eg by more easily recognizing revenue according to the percentage of completion.

### 3. Preparation and presentation of the financial statements

The consolidated financial statements are presented in thousands of €.

They are prepared on the historical cost basis, except for investment property, securities held for trading, available-for-sale securities and derivative financial instruments which are measured at fair value.

### 4. Consolidation rules

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries, as well as interests in joint ventures and in associated companies accounted for using the equity method. All intragroup balances, transactions, revenue and expenses are eliminated.

#### SUBSIDIARIES

Subsidiaries are companies controlled by the Group.

Control is achieved when the Company:

- has power over the investee;
- is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee; and
- has the ability to use its power to affect its returns.

The Company reassesses whether or not it controls an investee if facts and circumstances indicate that there are changes to one or more of the three elements of control listed above.

The financial statements of subsidiaries are included in the consolidated financial statements from the date when control begins until the date when control ends.

#### INTERESTS IN JOINT VENTURES

A joint venture is a contractual agreement whereby the Group and one or several parties agree to undertake an economic activity under joint control. The joint venture agreement generally results in the creation of one or more distinct jointly controlled entities.

Since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014, joint ventures, which were previously consolidated using the proportional method, are included in the consolidated financial statements using the equity method.

#### INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATES

Associates are entities over which the Group has significant influence through its participation in their financial and operating policy decisions. They are neither subsidiaries, nor joint ventures of the Group.

Significant influence is presumed if the Group, directly or indirectly, holds 20 % or more but less than 50 % of the voting rights through its subsidiaries.

Interests in associates are accounted for in the consolidated financial statements using the equity method, from the date when significant influence begins until the date when it ends. The book value of interests is decreased, if applicable, so as to record any impairment of individual interests.

#### DIFFERENT REPORTING DATES

The financial statements of subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates with reporting dates other than 31 December (reporting date of the Company) are adjusted so as to take into account the effect of significant transactions and events that occurred between the reporting date of the subsidiary, joint venture or associate and 31 December. The difference between 31 December and the reporting date of the subsidiary, joint venture or associate never exceeds 3 months.

#### BUSINESS COMBINATIONS AND GOODWILL

##### Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of the price of the business combination over the Group's share in the net fair value of the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities of the acquired entity at the date of acquisition. Goodwill is reported as an asset and is not amortised but annually subject to an impairment in value test at reporting date (or more frequently if there are indications of loss in value). Impairment losses are recognised immediately under income and are not reversed in subsequent periods.

Goodwill resulting from the acquisition of an associate is included in the book value of the associate. Goodwill resulting from the acquisition of subsidiaries and joint ventures is presented separately in the balance sheet.

On disposal of a subsidiary, a joint venture or an associate, the book value of the goodwill is included so as to determine the profit or loss on the disposal.

##### Negative goodwill

Negative goodwill represents the excess of the net fair value of the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities of a subsidiary, a joint entity or an associate over the price of business combination at the date of acquisition. To the extent that a surplus subsists after review and re-evaluation of the values, the negative goodwill is immediately recognised in profit and loss.

### 5. Foreign currencies

#### TRANSLATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF FOREIGN ENTITIES

The balance sheets of foreign companies are translated in € at the official year-end exchange rate and income statements are translated at the average exchange rate for the financial year.

Translation differences resulting therefrom are included under shareholders' equity under "translation differences". Upon disposal of an entity, translation differences are recognised in profit and loss.

#### TRANSACTIONS IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES IN GROUP COMPANIES

Transactions are first recorded at the exchange rate prevailing on the transaction date. At each end of the financial year, monetary assets and liabilities are converted at the exchange rates on the balance sheet date. Gains or losses resulting from this conversion are recorded as financial result.

## 6. Intangible assets

Intangible assets are recorded in the balance sheet if it is likely that the expected future economic benefits which may be allocated to assets will flow to the entity and if the cost of the assets can be measured reliably.

Intangible assets are measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and any impairment losses.

Intangible assets are amortised using the straight-line method on the basis of the best estimate of their useful lives. The amortisation period and method are reviewed at each reporting date.

## 7. Tangible assets

Tangible assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses. Fixed assets are depreciated prorata temporis on a straight-line basis over their useful lives. Useful lives have been determined as follows :

- buildings : 20 to 50 years,
- furniture and equipment : 3 to 10 years,
- right of building, emphyteutic lease or long lease : according to the duration of the right or the life span of the related asset, whichever is shorter,
- installations, complexes, machinery and specific equipments : 5 to 20 years.

Land has an unlimited useful life and therefore it is not depreciated.

Subsequent expenses related to tangible assets are only capitalised if it is likely that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the entity and if the cost of the item can be measured reliably.

Buildings under construction for manufacturing, leasing or administrative purposes are recorded at cost less any impairment loss. Depreciation of these assets begins when the assets are ready to be used.

## 8. Investment property

Investment property is measured in accordance with the fair value model of IAS 40 - Investment property. It represents real property (land and/or buildings under construction or available) held by the Group so as to earn rent and/or create value for property rather than use or sell it. Investment property (under construction) is initially measured at cost and subsequently carried at fair value. Any change in fair value is directly recognised in the income statement.

## 9. Leases

The Group distinguishes finance leases and operating leases by determining if objective criteria indicate that the major part of the value of the asset will be used by the group:

- because the present value of the lease payments approximates the majority of the fair value of assets,
- because the lease period covers the major part of the useful life of the asset
- because the Group has a purchase option for a price lower than the estimated value of the asset at the exercise date
- based on other indicators

## FINANCE LEASE

Assets held by the Group under finance lease are initially recognised at their fair value or at the present value of the minimum lease payments, whichever is lower. The corresponding obligation to the lessor regarding this asset is included in the balance sheet as a finance lease obligation.

Lease payments are apportioned between financial expenses and the decrease in lease obligation at a constant interest rate with respect to the remaining debt balance. Financial expenses are directly recognised in profit and loss. Assets held under finance leases are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their expected useful lives or the lease term, whichever is shorter.

## OPERATING LEASE

Lease payments under an operating lease are recognised as expenses in the income statement on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

## 10. Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised in the Group's balance sheet when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

## TRADE RECEIVABLES

Short term trade receivables are measured at nominal value less appropriate allowances for estimated irrecoverable amounts. An assessment of the permanent character of doubtful trade receivables is carried out and any write-downs are recorded.

## CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash includes cash on hand and demand deposits (deposits of less than 3 months). Cash equivalents are very short term, highly liquid investments that are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Cash and cash equivalents are carried in the balance sheet at amortized cost.

## CASH FLOWS

*Cash flows* are inflows and outflows of cash and cash equivalents.

*Operating activities* are the principal revenue-producing activities of the entity and other activities that are not investing or financing activities. Acquisitions and sales of projects, either directly through the purchase of sale of assets, or indirectly through the acquisition or sale of project companies, are considered as operating activities and are presented as part of the cash flows from operating activities.

*Investing activities* are the acquisition and disposal of longterm assets and other investments not included in cash equivalents.

*Financing activities* are activities that result in changes in the size and composition of the contributed equity and borrowings of the entity.

**SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY**

Issue costs that may be directly allocated to an equity transaction are recorded as a deduction from equity. As a consequence, capital increases are recorded at the proceeds received, net of issue costs. Similarly, equity transactions on own participation are recognised directly under shareholders' equity.

**BANK BORROWINGS AND OVERDRAFTS**

Interest-bearing bank borrowings and overdrafts are recorded at the cash amount, less any transaction costs. After the initial recording they are measured at amortised cost. Any difference between the received consideration and the expected exit value is recognised under income over the term of the borrowing using the effective interest rate.

**TRADE PAYABLES**

Short-term trade payables are recorded at their nominal value.

**DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND HEDGING TRANSACTIONS**

Derivative financial instruments are initially measured at cost and subsequently carried at their fair values. The method of recognising the unrealised result from derivatives depends on the nature of the hedged item. On the date a derivative contract is entered into, the instrument is designated either as a hedge of the fair value of recognised assets or liabilities (fair value hedge) or as a hedge of future cash flows (cash flow hedge). Changes in the fair value of derivative financial instruments designated as fair value hedge are recorded in profit and loss, in addition to the changes in the fair value of the hedged asset or liability. With respect to cash flow hedges, the changes in the fair value are recognised in the other elements of comprehensive income. The ineffective hedging portion is recorded directly in profit and loss. The changes in the fair value of derivative instruments that do not meet the hedge accounting requirements are recognised directly under income.

**11. Inventories**

Inventories are measured at cost or net realisable value, whichever is lower.

The acquisition cost of purchased goods includes acquisition cost and incidental expenses. For finished goods and work in progress, the cost-price takes into account direct expenses and a portion of production overhead without including administrative and financial expenses.

Interests during construction are capitalised, for the projects started after 1 January 2009.

When specific identification is not possible, cost is determined using the weighted average cost method. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated cost necessary to make the sale. The impairment in value or loss on inventories to bring them to their net realisable value is recognised as an expense in the year when the impairment in value or loss occurs.

**12. Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, when it is likely that an outflow of resources will be necessary to settle the obligation and when a reliable estimate of the amount of the obligation can be made.

The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the present obligation if necessary.

**WARRANTIES**

A provision for warranties is made when underlying products or services are sold. The measurement of the provision is based on historical data and by weighing all possible outcomes to which probabilities are associated (expected value method).

**CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND CONTINGENT ASSETS**

Contingent liabilities, which occurrence is not probably, are not recognized as a provision and are mentioned in the notes to the financial statements, provided that the risk is significant.

Contingent assets are not recognized in the financial statements.

**13. Post-employment benefits**

The current post employment benefit plan of the Group is a defined benefit plan. For such a plan, the cost of corresponding commitments is determined using the Projected Unit Credit Method, with present values being calculated at year end.

The amount recognised in the balance sheet represents the present value of commitments in terms of the defined benefit pension plans, less the fair value of plan assets and costs of rendered services not yet recognised. Any asset resulting from this calculation is limited to the present value of possible payments for the Group and the decreases in future contributions to the plan.

Actuarial gains and losses are directly recorded in the other elements of comprehensive income and are presented in the statement of comprehensive income.

**14. Grants related to assets or Investment Subsidies**

Received government grants related to assets or investment subsidies are recognised in the balance sheet (presented under other long-term liabilities or other short-term liabilities) as deferred income. They are recognised as income in the same way as the asset margin to which they relate.

## 15. Revenue from ordinary operation

Group revenue comes mainly from Real Estate Development activities (including Project Management services) and also from lease agreements.

Revenue from Real Estate Development activities is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable.

To the extent that the sale contract contains several distinct parts and whose delivery is separate, the different parts are recognised separately for the proceeds of the sale.

To the extent that the contract of sale of a property development (or part of this contract) qualifies as a construction contract, the proceeds of the sale is recognized at the advancement of the project.

To the extent that the sale contract of a property development (or part of this contract) does not qualifies as a construction contract, the proceeds of the sale is recognised at delivery, unless the contract states that there is continuing transfer of ownership in order to be possible to recognise the revenue of the sale over the period of the transfer of ownership, or at the advancement of the project.

With respect to operating leases, rent is recognised under income on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease, even if payments are not made on this basis. Lease incentives granted by the Group in negotiating or renewing an operating lease are recognised as a reduction of the lease income on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. Rent income are presented as other operating income in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income.

## 16. Impairment on value of assets

The carrying amount of non-current assets (other than financial assets in the scope of IAS 39, deferred taxes and non-current assets held for sale) is reviewed at the end of each reporting period in order to determine if an indication exists that an asset has impaired. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount is then determined. Regarding intangible assets with indefinite useful lives and goodwill, the recoverable amount is estimated at the end of each reporting period. An impairment loss is recognized if the carrying amount of the asset or the cash-generating unit exceeds its recoverable amount. Impairment losses are presented in the income statement.

When the recoverable amount cannot be individually determined for an asset, including goodwill, it is measured at the level of the cash generating unit to which the asset belongs.

The recoverable amount of receivables and investments of the company held to maturity is the present value of the future cash flows, discounted at the original effective interest rate inherent to those assets.

The recoverable amount of other assets or cash-generating unit is its fair value less selling costs or its use value, whichever is higher. The latter is the present value of expected future cash flows from the asset or the respective cash generating unit. In order to determine the value in use, the future cash flows are discounted using a pre-tax discount rate which reflects both the current market rate and the specific risks of the asset.

A reversal of impairment loss is recognised under income if the recoverable amount exceeds the net book value. However, the reversal may not lead to a higher book value than the value that would have been determined if no impairment loss had been initially recorded on this asset (cash-generating unit). No reversal of impairment loss is recognized on goodwill

## 17. Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs include interests on bank overdrafts and short- and long-term borrowings, amortisation of share premiums or repayment of borrowings, amortisation of accrued incidental borrowing costs. The costs are capitalised into the cost of qualifying assets. The fair value adjustments of financial derivatives associated to financial debts related to specific projects are capitalised, even if the derivative is not accounted as hedging instrument.

## 18. Taxes

Income tax for the year includes current and deferred tax. Current and deferred income taxes are recognised in profit and loss only if they relate to items recognised directly under shareholders' equity, in which case they are also recognised under shareholders' equity.

Current tax is the amount of income taxes payable (or recoverable) on the profit (or loss) in a financial year and the adjustments to tax charges of previous years.

Deferred tax is recognised using the liability method of tax allocation, based on timing differences between the book value of assets and liabilities in the consolidated accounts and their tax basis.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for all taxable timing differences.

Deferred tax assets are only recognised for deductible timing differences if it is likely that in the future they may be charged against taxable income. This criterion is re-evaluated at each reporting date.

**19. Discontinued operations**

A discontinued operation is a component of an entity that either has been disposed of or is classified as held for sale. Such component represents a separate major line of business or geographical area of operations that can be clearly distinguished, operationally and for financial reporting purposes. The net result of discontinued operations (including possible results on disposal and taxes) is presented separately from the continued operations in the income statement.

**20. Main sources of uncertainties related to the estimations and main judgements**

The deferred tax assets are only recorded as far that they may be in the future used against taxable income.

The tangible and intangible assets with a fixed useful live are straight line depreciated based on the estimation of the live time of these fixed assets.

The fair value of the investment properties is estimated by independent experts in accordance with the principles as described under note 14 of the financial statements.

As part of the impairment tests, the recoverable value of an asset is estimated based on the present value of the expected cash flows generated by this asset.

For the provisions, the bookvalue fits with the best estimation of the expense necessary to pay off the present obligation (legal or implicit) at closing date.

The projects in inventory and construction contracts are subject to feasibility studies used in determining the net realisable value and any required write down, and if applicable for the release of margin and the computation of the rate of completion. At each closing date, the expenses to be incurred are estimated.

**21. Temporary joint ventures**

The accounts of the temporary joint venture are accounted for in the financial statements using the proportionate consolidation method, each heading of the balance sheet and of the income statement is included in proportion to the share held by the partner in the temporary joint venture.

**22. Segment reporting**

A segment is a distinguishable component of the company, which generates revenues and costs.

The operating results are regularly reviewed by the Management Committee in order to monitor the performance of the various segments in terms of strategic goals, plans and budgets.

The company is composed of 3 segments : "offices", "residential development" and "land development".