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Financial Reporting Supervision

Financial Reporting Decision

Decision 1/2023



Issuer	Irish Continental Group plc
Report type	Annual financial statements
Reporting period	Year ended 31 December 2022
Financial reporting framework	IFRS-EU
Applicable financial reporting standards	IAS 1 <i>Presentation of Financial Statements</i> IAS 8 <i>Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors</i>
Summary	<p>This Decision considered the requirements of IAS 1 and IAS 8 where comparative amounts which are not material are restated in the Statement of Cash Flows and the issuer provided no disclosures regarding the re-statement in its 2022 financial statements.</p>
Background	<p>The issuer is an Irish shipping and transport group. It operates roll on/roll off passenger, freight and container freight services on routes between Ireland, the United Kingdom and Continental Europe. IAASA performed an unlimited scope examination of the issuer's annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.</p>
Outline of financial reporting treatments applied by the issuer	<p>In its 2022 financial statements, the issuer re-stated the presentation of the comparative amounts for certain line items in the 2022 Statement of Cash Flows where those line items had previously been presented on a net basis in prior years.</p> <p>In preparing the 2022 Statement of Cash Flows, the issuer considered that, given the magnitude of the individual components, presentation on a net basis was no longer justified, and, consequently, presented the 2022 elements separately. The issuer decided, for comparability purposes and to assist users of the financial statements, to re-state the 2021 amounts on a basis consistent with the 2022 presentation.</p> <p>Whilst the comparative amounts were re-stated, the issuer did not provide an explanation for the re-statement in the notes to the financial statements or elsewhere.</p> <p>It is noted that the issuer provided an explanation of the re-presentation within its 2023 half year report.</p>

Outline of findings made by IAASA

Paragraph 44 of IAS 1 states that:

“IAS 8 sets out the adjustments to comparative information required when an entity changes an accounting policy or corrects an error.”

Paragraph 45 of IAS 1 states that:

“An entity shall retain the presentation and classification of items in the financial statements from one period to the next unless:

(a) it is apparent, following a significant change in the nature of the entity’s operations or a review of its financial statements, that another presentation or classification would be more appropriate having regard to the criteria for the selection and application of accounting policies in IAS 8; or

(b) an IFRS requires a change in presentation.”

IAS 8 does not explicitly address re-statement of prior period amounts where the amounts are not material.

On engagement with the issuer, IAASA concurred with the Issuer’s assessment that the restated comparative amounts were not material.

IAASA concluded that, as the re-statement was not material, there was no non-compliance with IFRS and, accordingly, no corrective action was required.

Outline of corrective actions undertaken or to be undertaken

None. No corrective action was required.

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