EXPOSURE DRAFT OF A PROPOSED CIRCULAR X/2026 : HEADLINE EARNINGS CIRCULAR

13 August 2026

This proposed Circular has been issued by the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA) at the request of the JSE Limited (JSE).

The exposure draft issued by SAICA is released for public comment in South Africa by the Accounting Practices Committee (APC).

Comments received on the proposed Circular will be discussed by the JSE and the APC in finalising the Circular for issue.

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Your comments should be received by no later than **13 October 2026**.

INVITATION TO COMMENT

The SAICA's APC invite comments on the proposed Circular x/2026 – *Headline Earnings*, which will supersede Circular 1/2023. Circular 1/2023 will continue to apply to entities for reporting periods before the effective date of IFRS 18 – *Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements*.

SAICA's APC is requesting comments only on the changes proposed in this exposure draft.

Introduction
In this Exposure Draft, the APC proposes amendments to Circular 1/2023 to update the detailed requirements contained Section B, Section E and paragraphs 12-13, specifically to align the Circular with the presentation and disclosure requirements introduced by IFRS 18.

The proposed effective date of the revised Circular is set out in paragraph 36.

The Basis for Conclusions accompanies, but is not part of, the Headline Earnings Circular. It summarises the considerations of the Accounting Practices Committee (APC) when developing the Circular.

Question 1
Do you agree with the proposed amendments made to the circular for the implications of IFRS 18? Yes or No

If no, please elaborate on which aspects of the circular as it relates to IFRS 18 should be considered.