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On September 16, 2008, the Securities and Exchange Commission's (SEC or the Commission) Division of Corporation Finance issued an [addendum](#) to the [March 28, 2008 letter](#) (see [CAQ Alert #2008-18](#)) to certain public companies identifying additional disclosure issues related to fair value measurements that companies may wish to consider in preparing Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) of Financial Condition and Results of Operations. This addendum includes additional points that are the result of the SEC's reviews and the public roundtables that took place over the summer.

While this letter was sent to the same financial institutions as the March 2008 letter, the SEC indicated that the comments in the September 2008 letter applies to other organizations, as had the disclosure issues addressed in the previous letter. An [illustrative copy of the September 2008 letter](#) has been posted to the SEC's website and can be obtained by clicking on the respective link.

Companies that received the letter can direct specific questions to the Senior Assistant Chief Accountant named in the letter. If you or your clients have general comments or questions on the letter, please feel free to contact Wayne Carnall, Chief Accountant, or Stephanie Hunsaker, Associate Chief Accountant in the Division of Corporation Finance at (202) 551-3400.

FASB Announces Webcast on the Application of SFAS 157, Fair Value Measurements

The [Financial Accounting Standards Board](#) (FASB) [announced](#) that it will be hosting a live webcast entitled, "Application of [Statement No. 157](#), Fair Value Measurements (SFAS 157)," scheduled to take place on Monday, September 29, 2008 from 11 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (EDT). FASB will also archive the webcast if you are not able to view it live at this time.

Viewers will be able to email questions during the event to the panelists who will include:

- Leslie Seidman, Member of the FASB
- Jim Kroeker, SEC Deputy Chief Accountant
- Don Charles, Partner at Ernst & Young, LLP
- Tony Sondhi, President of A.C. Sondhi & Associates, LLC

The webcast will be moderated by FASB Technical Director, Russ Golden, and they will discuss common application and implementation activities on measuring assets and liabilities under SFAS 157. To [register](#) for the live webcast, please click on the respective link on the FASB's website.

Other Related Resources for Auditors:

CAQ Alert #2008-18	SEC Issues Letter to Public Companies on MD&A Disclosure Regarding the Application of SFAS 157 (Fair Value Measurements), March 31, 2008
CAQ Alert #2007-64	PCAOB Issues Staff Audit Practice Alert on Auditing Fair Value, December 14, 2007
CAQ Alert #2007-51	CAQ Issues White Papers on Illiquidity in the Markets, October 3, 2007
CAQ Alert #2007-14	FAS 159 Early Adoption Date Approaching – Factors to Consider, April 17, 2007
CAQ Alert #2007-7	Summary of Fair Value Option in SFAS 159, March 20, 2007

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