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Dedicated to:

David's wife, Charlene Spiceland

Jim's wife Barbara, sons Matt and Dave, daughter Kristina, and son-in-law Bob

Larry's wife and children: Eve Tomassini, Nicholas, Anthony, and Katherine

Dear Colleagues,

As we finalize the preface to the third edition of our Intermediate Accounting textbook, we would like to

thank each of you who adopted the second edition and the updated second edition. As fellow intermediate

accounting instructors, we appreciate the importance of selecting the right book for your students. That's why

we were honored that over 300 of you entrusted your intermediate accounting course to our text and its accom-

panying learning system. With your help, McGraw-Hill/Irwin selected the second edition for the Outstanding

Revision of the Year award for 2001.

For the third edition, our goal for the revision has been to listen to our colleagues to ensure that our book con-

tinues to meet the changing needs of your students. In pursuit of that goal, we received feedback from our in-

termediate accounting colleagues in a variety of ways. Over 150 intermediate instructors provided us input

through surveys, another 50 attended one of five focus groups held around the country in 2001, and 30 in-

structors participated in two reviewer panels. We thank you who participated for your generosity with your time

and for your insight and many excellent suggestions.

We continue our commitment to provide you and your students with the most readable, accurate, and up-to-date

intermediate text available. We also pledge to continue to write ourselves the major ancillary materials that

accompany the text, including the website materials. Last, we will continue to listen to you, our colleagues, in

developing our text to help prepare your students for the challenges of the 21st century.

Sincerely,

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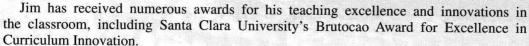
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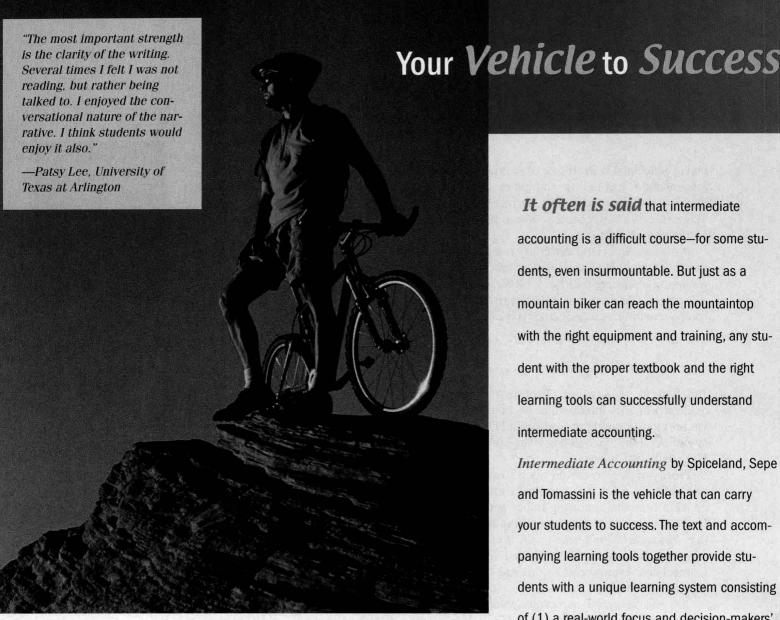
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"Very well written and quite enjoyable for an Intermediate book. It's the best reading book

—Jeff Jones, Auburn University

I've seen."

It often is said that intermediate accounting is a difficult course-for some students, even insurmountable. But just as a mountain biker can reach the mountaintop with the right equipment and training, any student with the proper textbook and the right learning tools can successfully understand intermediate accounting.

Intermediate Accounting by Spiceland, Sepe and Tomassini is the vehicle that can carry your students to success. The text and accompanying learning tools together provide students with a unique learning system consisting of (1) a real-world focus and decision-makers' perspective on accounting's financial reporting function, (2) end-of-chapter resources designed to reinforce concepts and to develop the problem-solving skills essential for the new CPA exam, and (3) additional integrated tools to help students master the material regardless of their preferred learning style.

in Intermediate Accounting

Intermediate Accounting's learning system features:

Clarity: Reviewers, instructors, and student users of Spiceland have enthusiastically embraced the readability of the text and its ability to clearly explain not just the simple topics, but more importantly the complex ones. The authors achieve this by using a relaxed, conversational writing style that engages students and helps to boost their confidence.

A Decision Making Perspective:

Recent events have focused public attention on the role of accounting in providing information useful to decision makers. The CPA Exam, too, is redirecting its focus to emphasize the skills needed to critically evaluate accounting method alternatives. This text provides a decision maker's perspective to emphasize the professional judgment and critical thinking skills required of accountants today.

Flexibility: Not all students learn the same way, so *Intermediate Accounting* provides a toolset suitable for a variety of learning needs. The Coach CD, which is integrated with the text, provides students with an interactive multimedia environment in which to learn critical concepts. Accounting's preeminent textbook website combined with the other supplements noted in this preface provide your students with a flexible selection of tools to succeed.

Consistent Quality: Quite often, a text's ancillary materials are written by persons other than the textbook authors. This leads to inconsistency in terminology, content, and style and consequently confuses both students and instructors. An important feature of our learning system is that the authors themselves created each major component of the system with quality and consistency in mind. The Coach CD, end-of-chapter materials, solutions manual, study guide, instructor's resource manual, test bank, and website tools all were written by the text authors.

Intermediate Accounting, 3/e, has the quality, flexibility, and attention to detail your students need to master a challenging range of topics. In short, it's their vehicle to success.



"Decision Makers' Perspective adds realism and relevance to the role of the accountant in the organization."

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"The three most significant strengths of this text over my current text are a focus on the theory underlying the accounting for the transactions, the attempt to couch the discussion in terms of how firms actually operate, and the careful use of well-constructed examples to illustrate the accounting."

—Marlene Plumlee, University of Utah

What makes Intermediate Accounting such a powerful learning tool?

DECISION MAKERS' PERSPECTIVE

These boxes appear throughout the text to illustrate how accounting information is put to work in today's firms. With the CPA exam placing greater focus on application of skills in realistic work settings, these boxes help your students gain an edge that will remain with them as they enter the workplace.

EARNINGS QUALITY/ EARNINGS MANAGEMENT COVERAGE

Earnings Quality/Earnings Management is covered early in the text in Chapter 4 and integrated where appropriate.

AUTHOR-WRITTEN SUPPLEMENTS

In contrast to other author teams, Spiceland, Sepe, and Tomassini write all of Intermediate Accounting's primary supplements themselves. This ensures a perfect fit between text and supplement, cutting down on student confusion and making their study time more productive. For more on Intermediate Accounting's supplements package, see pages (xviii-xix).

DECISION MAKERS' PERSPECTIVE—Financial Statement Impact

As indicated in the Decision Makers' Perspective at the beginning of the chapter, leasing can As indicated in the Decision Makers' Perspective at the regimning of the enapter, leasing can allow a firm to conserve assets, to avoid some risks of owning assets, and to obtain favorable tax benefits. These advantages are desirable, It also was pointed out earlier that some firms try to obscure the realities of their financial position through off-balance-sheet financing or by avoiding violating terms of contracts that limit the amount of debt a company can have. Accounting guidelines are designed to limit the ability of firms to hide financial realities. Nevertheless, investors and creditors should be alert to the impact leases can have on a company's financial nostition and on its risk. B pany's financial position and on its risk.

BALANCE SHEET AND INCOME STATEMENT

DEACHIVE STREET AND INCOMES TAILEMENT

Lease transactions identified as nonoperating impact several of a firm's financial ratios. Because we record liabilities for capital leases, the debt-equity ratio (liabilities divided by shareholders' equity) is immediately impacted. Because we also record leased assets, the immediate impact on the rate of return on assets, for income divided by assets) is negative, but the lasting effect depends on how leased assets are utilized to enhance future net income. As illustrated in this chapter, the financial statement impact of a capital lease is no different

from that of an installment purchase.

Even operating leases, though, can significantly affect risk. Operating leases represent Even operating leases, though, can significantly affect risk. Operating leases represent long-term commitments that can become a problem if business declines and cash inflows drop off. For example, long-term lease commitments became a big problem for Businessland in the early 1990s. The company's revenues declined but it was saddled with lease commitments for numerous facilities the company no longer occupied. Its stock's market price declined from \$11.88 to \$.88 in one year.

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Whether leases are capitalized or treated as operating leases affects the income statement as well as the balance sheet. However, the impact generally is not significant. Over the life of a lease, total expenses oarney regardless of the accounting treatment of a lease. If the lease is capitalized, total expenses comprise interest and depreciation. The total of these equals the total amount of rental payments, which would constitute rent expense if not capitalized. There is, however, a timing difference between lease capitalization and operating lease treatment, but the timing difference usually isn't great.

The more significant difference between capital leases and operating leases is the impact on the balance sheet; operating leases do a side of the balance sheet; operating leases do a consideration of the balance sheet; operating leases do a consideration of the balance sheet and the sease of the balance sheet of the balance sheet of the sease of the sease of the balance sheet of the sease of

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To illustrate, refer to Graphic 15-16, which closed by Wal-Mart Stores. If these lease ar payments would be capitalized (reported at making some reasonable assumptions, we ca ments to be made on existing operating lease Mart to discount rental payments on capital le approximate average rate of 10%, and make c debt equivalent of the operating lease commit If capitalized, these operating lease commit

liabilities and approximately \$4,210 to the c

CHAPTER 15

"This pedagogical framework was one of the reasons we selected this textbook."

-Gary K. Taylor. University of Alabama

SECTION 3

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The Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

—Edward Ketz, Penn State

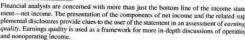
The purpose of the income statement is to summarize the profitgenerating activities that occurred during a particular reporting period. The purpose of the statement of

cash flows is to provide information about the cash receipts and cash disbursements of an enterprise that occurred during the period.

> This chapter has a twofold purpose: (1) to consider important issues dealing with income statement content, presentation, and disclosure and (2) to provide an overview of the statement of cash flows, which is covered in depth in Chapter 22.

CHAPTER

Earnings Quality



not nonoperating income.

The term earnings quality refers to the ability of reported earnings (income) to predict a ompany's future earnings. After all, an income statement simply reports on events that aleady have occurred. The relevance of any historical-based financial statement hinges on its

"I love the stuff on earnings quality/ earnings management. This is a very nice differentiator; while other books mention the topic, they do little else.'

Financial analysts are concerned with more than just the bottom line of the income state-ment—net income. The presentation of the components of net income and the related sup-plemental disclosures provide clues to the user of the statement in an assessment of earnings plemental disclosures provide clues to the user of the statement in an assessment of earning quality. Earnings quality is used as a framework for more in-depth discussions of operatin and nonoperating income.

predictive value. To enhance predictive value, analysts try to separate a company's transi-tory earnings effects from its permanent earnings. Transitory earnings effects result from transactions or events that are not likely to occur again in the foreseeable future, or that are likely to have a different impact on earnings in the future. Later in the chapter we address three items that, because of their transitory nature, are required to be reported separately in

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of the prosecutive to the state of the cash paid, and the underpayment of interest adds to the amount owed.

The preceding illustrations describe bonds sold at a discount and at a premium. The same concepts apply to bonds sold at face amount. But some of the procedures would be unnecessary. For instance, calculating the present value of the interest and the principal always will give us the face amount when the effective rate and the stated rate are

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The Precision Parts Corporation manufactures automobile parts. The company has re-

ported a profit every year since the company's inception in 1977. Management prides itself on this accomplishment and believes one important contributing factor is the company's incentive plan that rewards top management a bonus equal to a percentage of

operating income if the operating income yould for the year is achieved. However, 2003 has been a tough year, and prospects for attaining the income goal for the year are bleak. Tony Smith, the company's chief financial officer, has determined a way to increase becomes the subject of the year company's chief though the subject of the year company's chief the year open and year.

and earn bonuses for all top management. A reputable customer ordered \$120,000 of parts to be shipped on January 15, 2004. Tony told the rest of top management "I know we can get that order ready by December 31 even though it will require some production line over-

time. We can then just leave the order on the loading dock until shipment. I see nothing wrong with recognizing the sale in 2003, since the parts will have been manufactured and we do have a firm order from a reputable customer." The company's normal procedure is to ship goods f.o.b. destination and to recognize sales revenue when the customer receives the

493 472

\$700,000

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION

on of the Price of the Bonds

Present value (price) of the bonds

*Present value of an ordinary annuity of \$1: n = 6, i = 6% *Present value of \$1: n = 6, i = 6%

WHEN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE PREPARED

Operating Leases	PV Factor 10%	Present Value
\$ 623	.909	\$ 566
602	.826	497
586	.751	440
565	.683	386
547	.621	340
5,131	.386*	1,981
\$8,054		\$4,210

10, which treats payments after 2007 as occurring in 2012, an ients after 2007.

s debt to equity ratio and its return on assets ratio using selected om Wal-Mart's annual report for the fiscal year end-

(\$ in millions)
\$83,451
48,349
35,102
6,671

turn on assets ratios are calculated in Graphic 15-18 without of operating leases and then again after adding \$4,210 million iabilities. In the calculation of return on assets, we use only the an the average total assets for the year. Also, we assume no im-



GAAP require that

Q2, p. 167

Separately Reported Items

The information in the income statement is useful if it can help users predict the future. To-ward this end, users should be made aware of events reported in the income statement that are not likely to occur again in the foreseeable future.

are more obviously not part of a company's perinanent earnings and, appropriately, are ex-

are not likely to occur again in the foresceable future.

There are three types of events that, if they have a material effect²¹ on the income statement, require separate reporting and disclosure: (1) discontinued operations, (2) extraordinary items, and (3) the cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle.²² In fact, these are the only three events that are allowed to be reported below continuing operations, A1 though a company has considerable flexibility in reporting income from con-tions, the presentation order of these three is mandated as follows: ²³

Income from continuing operations	\$xx
Discontinued operations, net of \$xx in taxes	*
Extraordinary items, net of \$xx in taxes ²⁴	×
Cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle, net of \$xx in taxes	×
Net income	\$xx

The objective is to separately report all of the income effects of these items. Therefore, their income tax effects also are included in the enorate presentation rather than as part of the amount reported as income tax expense. The process of associating income tax effects with the income statement components that create those effects is referred to an intraperiod tax alloca-tion. We address this process before defining the separately reported items more enecisely.

N(3/6) (141) (134) Cash and cash equivalents, January Cash and cash equivalents, December 31

FINANCIAL REPORTING CASE SOLUTION

How would you explain restructuring costs to Becky? Are they necessarily a negative? What is the likely explanation for the negative expense in 1999? (p. 177) Restructuring costs include employee severance and termination benefits plus other costs associated with the shutdown or relocation of facilities or downsizing of operations. It's not necessarily bad. In fact, the objective is to make operations more efficient. The costs are incurred now in hopes of better earnings later. When a company restructures its operations, it estimates the future costs associated with the restructuring and expenses the costs in the period in which the decision to restructure is made. An offsetting liability is recorded, later expenditures are charged against this liability as they occur. In 1999, Halliburton lowered its estimate of the total-costs associated with the 1998 restructuring and recorded an adjustment that increased

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION BOXES

These boxes clarify "on the spot" considerations of important, but incidental or infrequent aspects of primary topics covered in the text. The boxes serve as parenthetical references that help to maintain the appropriate rigor of the surrounding text material.

ETHICAL DILEMMAS

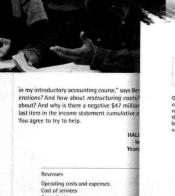
Ethical dilemmas are incorporated within the narrative with the intent being to raise students' consciousness to the ethical ramifications and provide a source for classroom discussion.

> "I think that the cases provide students with a decision context for the understanding of the issues discussed in the chapter."

-Nandini Chandar. Rutgers University

"They add a real-world flavor and should be of interest to students."

—Jerry G. Kreuze, Western Michigan University



Cost of sales General and administrative Restructuring costs Total operating costs and expenses

Income (loss) from continuing opera Discontinued operations, net of tax Cumulative effect of a change in ac

Operating income Other income (expense)

Gain on sale of vessels

Interest inco

Other



What makes Intermediate Accounting such a powerful learning tool?

"These cases contain extensive real-world information. The cases can be easily assigned in small groups, lending themselves to the benefits of team learning. The real-world context of the statements should be of great interest to students."

—Linda Nichols, Texas Tech University

BROADEN YOUR PERSPECTIVE CASES

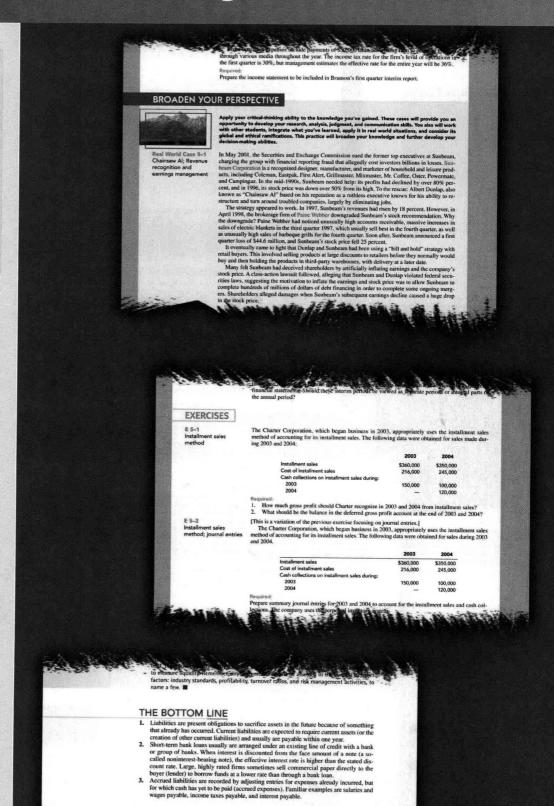
An integral part of each chapter, these cases prepare students for the CPA exam by helping them develop these four critical skills: research, analysis, judgment, and communication.

"I like the variety of cases in SST and I would assign some cases, especially ethics and Internet cases."

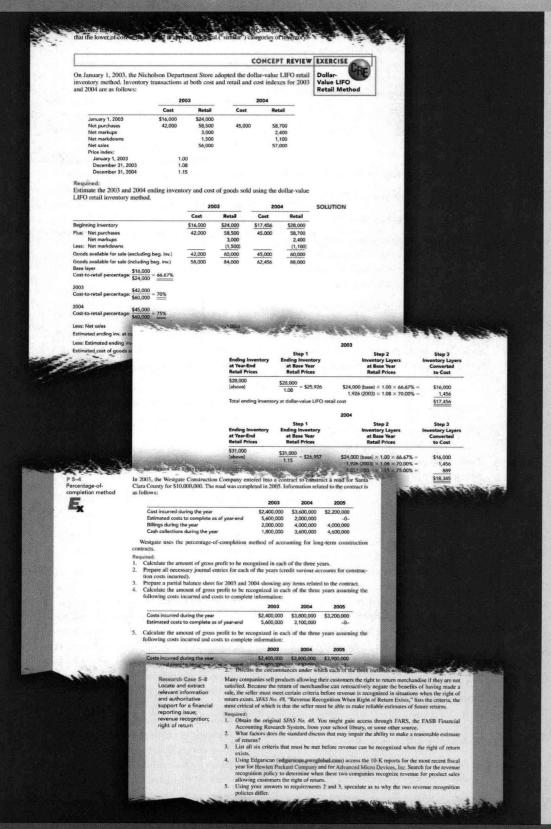
—John A. Rude, Bloomsburg University

"I think the SST's end of the chapter material is excellent."

—Suzanne Busch, California State-Hayward



Intermediate accounting is a difficult, challenging topic. To help students learn the material covered and be able to use it in practice, the authors focus their efforts in helping students build problem-solving skills.



"I find the concept reviews presented in SST particularly useful to students and something of that nature is not well developed in my current text."

—Nandini Chandar, Rutgers University

CONCEPT REVIEW EXERCISES

Included within each chapter for each core issue discussed, the Concept Review Exercises with solutions allow students to reinforce their understanding and practice applying the procedures learned in the chapter before attempting homework assignments.

"The problem material is also very good. There is a wide variety in terms of topic and level of difficulty. The problems are also correlated well with the text."

—Richard Elmendorf, Metropolitan State-Denver

"The authors did a good job in the development of assignment materials. A good variety and quantity of materials are included in the text."

—Thomas R. Weirich, Central Michigan University

What's new about the Third Edition?

Chapter 1

The political process section has been updated to include a discussion of the recent debate that occurred on the issue of accounting for business combinations.

Chapter 2

Revised material

Chapters 3, 4, and 5

The order of these three chapters has been changed. The new sequence is as follows:

- Chapter 3 The balance sheet and financial disclosures
- Chapter 4 The income statement and statement of cash flows
- Chapter 5 Income measurement and profitability analysis

The reasons for this revision include:

The basic financial statements are now presented contiguously in chapters 3 and 4.

The balance sheet is now covered before presenting the material on the balance sheet treatment of long-term contract accounting (in the chapter on income measurement).

As with the second edition, the topic of revenue recognition (Chapter 5) again follows immediately after the income statement coverage (Chapter 4).

Chapter 3

Revised material

Chapter 4

Part A of this chapter, the income statement, has been restructured by framing the discussion of income statement presentation within the context of earnings quality/earnings management. The restructure provides an appropriate and interesting way to walk students through the income statement. In most chapters that follow, the issue of earnings quality/earnings management is revisited, in most cases within the context of Decision Makers' Perspectives.

The discontinued operations section has been revised to reflect the impact of SFAS No. 144, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets," on accounting for discontinued operations, and the section on restructuring costs has been updated to reflect SFAS No. 146, "Accounting for Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal."

Chapter 5

The two main headings within Part A are now:

- 1. Revenue Recognition at a Point in Time
- 2. Revenue Recognition over Time

We believe this is a much more logical way to present the information to students. Any specific revenue recognition issue falls nicely into one of these two logical categories.

The revised chapter includes a discussion of the SEC's Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 101, "Revenue Recognition in Financial Statements," and the impact this pronouncement has had on company revenue recognition policies.

Chapter 6

The chapter has been updated to include a discussion of SFAC No. 7, "Using Cash Flow Information and Present Value in Accounting Measurements."

Chapter 7

The entire section on financing with receivables has been revised and updated to incorporate SFAS No. 140, "Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishments of Liabilities." We believe this revision provides a better flow to the material. In addition, we have added some real world examples to increase the relevance of the material.

A Decision Makers' Perspective section on cash management has been added.

Chapter 8

A Decision Makers' Perspective section on inventory management has been added.

Chapter 9

The introduction to Part A, The Lower of Cost or Market, has been revised to provide increased real-world relevance to the topic.

Chapters 10 and 11

These two chapters cover accounting for operational assets. We have changed the title of Chapter 10 to "Acquisition and Disposition" and Chapter 11 to "Utilization and Impairment." A new Part B has been added to Chapter 10 entitled "Dispositions and Exchanges." The small section on disposition through sale or abandonment has been moved from Chapter 11 to this part of Chapter 10 along with all of the material on exchanges.

These chapters have been updated to include the following new pronouncements:

SFAS No. 141, "Business Combinations"

SFAS No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets"

SFAS No. 143, "Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations"

SFAS No. 144, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets"

Chapter 12

Part A: Graphic 12–1 was added to provide an overview of the six approaches to accounting for investments.

Accounting for held-to-maturity securities has been expanded.

We revisit our discussion of investments in debt securities to be held to maturity in Chapter 14, "Bonds and Long-Term Notes" in order to more readily see that accounting by the company that issues bonds and by the company that invests in those bonds is opposite but parallel. However, an illustration was added to the discussion in this chapter to help students understand what it means to report these securities at amortized cost in the balance sheet and to contrast that with accounting for available-for-sale and trading securities at fair value. When we resume our discussion of bond investments in Chapter 14, we continue the same numerical illustration we began in this chapter.

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A T-account analysis to reinforce the effect of the accounting treatment on the accounts affected was added.

We added numerical demonstrations of the effects on the balance sheet, income statement, and SCE

An expanded discussion of comprehensive income is added, particularly as it relates to available-for-sale securities.

Part B: We modified our discussion, illustrations, and end-of-chapter materials pertaining to the equity method to conform with the new FASB standards eliminating the amortization of goodwill and thus the effects of that elimination on previously required adjustments in the equity method.

Introduction to financial instruments and investment derivatives has been moved to follow the Decision Makers' Perspective.

Chapter 13

In Chapter 6, we described a framework for taking into account any uncertainty concerning the amounts and timing of the cash flows. We added a demonstration of that approach in this chapter as it relates to measuring a warranty obligation and compare it with the traditional way of measuring a warranty obligation.

We expanded the Decision Makers' Perspective section to consider the possibility of management efforts to manipulate the ratios that measure liquidity, including timing strategies that manipulate the timing of revenue and expense recognition in order to "smooth" income over time.

Chapter 14

We reorganized the topics in this chapter to create a more logical flow and to provide instructors greater flexibility in the choice of topics to be covered. One result is apportioning the material into three parts rather than the two parts in the second edition.

Part A: Bonds

Part B: Notes

Part C: Debt Retired Early, Convertible into Stock, or Providing an Option to Buy Stock

We moved the primary Derivatives coverage from this chapter to an Addendum to the text, complete with typical end of chapter material. The topic is introduced in Chapter 12.

In the aftermath of Enron and other financial losses that have grabbed headlines in recent years, we expanded the Decision Makers'

Perspective section to consider risks associated with off balance sheet financing and other commitments that don't show up on the face of financial statements but nevertheless expose a company to risk, along with attempts to actively manage the risk associated with these and other obligations.

Chapter 15

We reorganized the topics in this chapter to create a more logical flow and to provide instructors greater flexibility in the choice of topics to be covered. One result is apportioning the material into four parts rather than the two parts in the second edition.

Part A: Accounting by the Lessor and Lessee

Part B: Residual Value and Bargain Purchase Options

Part C: Other Lease Accounting Issues

Part D: Special Leasing Arrangements

We clarified and expanded our discussion of the cash flow impact of each type of lease.

Chapter 16

Based on reviewer input, we eliminated our coverage of the tax effects of accounting changes and error correction and the Appendix "Investment Revenue from Equity Method Investees."

Chapter 17

We expanded the Decision Makers' Perspective section to consider the implications for earnings quality assessment of amounts reported in pension disclosures.

Chapter 18

We reorganized the topics in this chapter to create a more logical flow and to provide instructors greater flexibility in the choice of topics to be covered. One result is apportioning the material into three parts rather than the two parts in the second edition.

Part A: Postretirement Benefits Other than Pensions

Part B: Stock-Based Compensation Plans

Part C: Other Compensation Prior to Retirement

Employee Stock Ownership Plans has been moved to an appendix.

We expanded two Decision Makers' Perspective sections to consider:

- The effect on ratio computations (such as the debt to equity ratio or return on assets) of the postretirement benefit obligation not being part of the balance sheet and how investment analysts can modify their analysis.
- The stock-based compensation plans we discuss in this chapter as another motive managers sometimes have to manipulate income.

Chapter 19

An expanded discussion of comprehensive income is added. The discussion and illustrations focus on (a) comprehensive income created during the reporting reported as part of the statement of shareholders' equity and (b) comprehensive income accumulated over the current and prior periods reported as a separate component of shareholders' equity.

Chapter 20

We expanded the Decision Makers' Perspective section to consider the recent and controversial practice of companies reporting pro forma earnings per share and the possibility that companies judiciously use share buybacks to enhance the appearance of EPS numbers.

Chapter 21

We expanded the section on accounting errors using Enron's error correction experience as the backdrop for the discussion.

Chapters 22

We reorganized the topics in this chapter into three parts:

Part A: The Content and Value of the Statement of Cash Flows

Part B: The Direct Method of Reporting Cash Flows from Operating Activities

Part C: The Indirect Method of Reporting Cash Flows from Operating Activities

A key advantage of this division is to provide instructors greater flexibility in the choice of topics to be covered, particularly in the relative focus on the direct and indirect methods of reporting operating activities.

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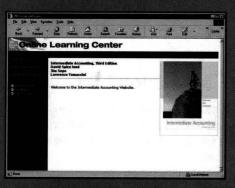
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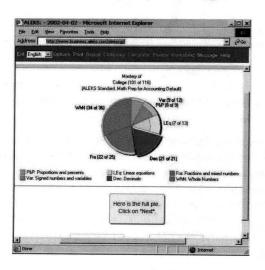
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