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PREFACE

The sixth edition of *Advanced Accounting: Concepts and Practice* has been substantially revised in the following ways.



NEW PRONOUNCEMENT-RELATED CHANGES

The text reflects the latest FASB, GASB, and AICPA pronouncements and exposure drafts pertinent to the topics covered:

SFAS No. 124, "Accounting for Certain Investments Held by Not-for-Profit Organizations" (November 1995).

SFAS No. 119, "Disclosure About Derivative Financial Instruments and Fair Value of Financial Instruments" (October 1994).

Proposed SFAS, "Consolidated Financial Statements: Policy and Procedures" (October 1995). In May 1996, the FASB revised its position on certain proposals in this document.

Proposed SFAS, "Accounting for Derivative and Similar Financial Instruments and for Hedging Activities" (June 1996).

Proposed SFAS, "Reporting Comprehensive Income" (June 1996).

Proposed SFAS, "Reporting Disaggregated Information about a Business Enterprise" (January 1996).

Proposed SGAS, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools (March 1996).

AICPA Audit and Accounting Guide, "Not-for-Profit Organizations" (June 1996).

AICPA Audit and Accounting Guide, "Health Care Organizations" (June 1996).

PROPOSED NEW STANDARD ON CONSOLIDATION POLICY AND PROCEDURES (CHAPTERS 1, 3, 6, AND 13)

In October 1995, the FASB issued the exposure draft "Consolidated Financial Statements: Consolidation Policy and Procedures." When finalized, this new FASB standard will supersede both (1) Accounting Research Bulletin No. 51, "Consolidated Financial Statements" (issued in 1951), and (2) Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 94, "Consolidation of All Majority-owned Subsidiaries" (a 1987 amendment to ARB No. 51). The major changes proposed in this exposure draft would

- Broaden the existing consolidation rules to conform to those of the Securities and Exchange Commission so that consolidation is required whether control exists by *legal means* (owning a majority voting interest) or *nonlegal means* (having financial arrangements that effectively achieve control). (This issue is contained to portions of Chapters 1 and 3 in this text.)
- Require use of the economic unit concept rather than the parent company concept, an issue that exists only for less than 100%-owned acquired subsidiaries. (This issue is contained to portions of Chapters 3, 6, and 13 of this text.)

In May 1996, the FASB slightly modified its position on certain issues in the October 1995 exposure draft in response to concerns raised by respondents and

participants at the public hearings held in February 1996. The only substantive May 1996 change was to require the imputing of goodwill to a noncontrolling interest to prevent possible "gaming" abuses. (This issue is contained to only a portion of Chapter 6 and all of Chapter 13 of this text.)

Because the FASB could finalize its consolidation policy and procedures rules in early 1997, the consolidation rules we present and discuss in this text are the ones set forth in the FASB's May 1996 working draft document. (As this book goes to print, the FASB is deliberating between going to a final statement or a *revised* exposure draft.)

PROPOSED NEW STANDARD ON DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND HEDGING (CHAPTER 17)

In June 1996, after ten years of intensive research and study, the FASB published for public comment an exposure draft titled "Accounting for Derivative and Similar Financial Instruments and for Hedging Activities." This proposed statement would (1) **amend** *SFAS No.* 52 and *SFAS No.* 107 and (2) **supersede** *SFAS No.* 80, *SFAS No.* 105, and *SFAS No.* 119. (The FASB's timetable is to issue this standard in the second quarter of 1997.)

Because of extensive participation by industry and practitioners prior to the issuance of this exposure draft, the FASB has indicated that it expects this proposed standard to be enacted largely intact. The proposed standard would become effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 1997.

Of the three categories of foreign exchange (FX) exposures we discuss in Chapter 17, "Using Derivatives to Manage Foreign Exchange Exposures," substantive rule changes are proposed only for the hedges of forecasted transactions category. Accordingly, our discussion of the treatment of FX gains and losses on hedges of forecasted transactions is based on this proposed standard.

REVISED AICPA ACCOUNTING AND AUDIT GUIDES FOR NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND HEALTH-CARE ORGANIZATIONS (CHAPTERS 26 AND 27)

These new guides were issued in mid-1996, and we discuss them fully in Chapters 26 and 27. Of significance is that the new Health Care Organizations (HCOs) guide (1) applies to both *private* and *public* HCOs and (2) requires that financial reporting for both *private* and *public* HCOs be on an *aggregated basis*, which is consistent with SFAS No. 117, "Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations" (before, reporting could be on an *aggregated* or *disaggregated* basis).

As a result of the issuance of the SFAS No. 117, 116, and 124 and these audit guides, we were able to substantially simplify and streamline material in this edition (reducing the number of pages devoted to this material from 120 to 72, a 40% decrease).

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ORGANIZATIONAL AND PEDAGOGICAL CHANGES

EQUAL PROMINENCE GIVEN TO THE COST METHOD (CHAPTERS 2, 3, 6, 9, 10, 11, AND 12)

Because of the continued extensive use in practice of both the *cost method* and the *equity method*, we now give equal prominence to both methods in Chapters 2 and 3 (the relatively simple situations involving *parent-created* subsidiaries), Chapter 6 (the more complex situation involving *acquired* subsidiaries), and Chapters 9–12

(intercompany transactions). Problems requiring consolidation worksheets now present consolidation data in a unique manner that allows students to use either the *cost method* or the *equity method* and readily see how the parent's financial statements differ under each method.

DISCUSSION OF PARTIALLY OWNED CREATED SUBSIDIARIES DISCUSSED SEPARATELY FROM ACQUIRED SUBSIDIARIES

To introduce major concepts on a full step-by-step basis, we now discuss noncontrolling interest situations first in the relatively simple situation in which the parent *creates* a partially owned subsidiary. Accordingly, Chapter 3 is a newly designed chapter that is a logical extension of Chapters 1 and 2, both of which deal with 100%-owned *created* subsidiaries. Noncontrolling interest situations involving *acquired* subsidiaries are discussed in Chapter 6, thus enabling the emphasis in that chapter to be entirely on the *change in basis of accounting* concept.

Chapter 3 also contains the more involved discussion of controlling a subsidiary by *nonlegal means* (financial arrangements); the simpler situation of control by *legal means* (owning a majority voting interest) is discussed in Chapter 1.

Accounting for *unconsolidated* subsidiaries (formerly in Chapter 2) was moved to Chapter 3 to balance more evenly the technical material in Chapters 2 and 3.

EXPANDED DISCUSSION OF INTRODUCTION TO INTERCOMPANY TRANSACTIONS PLACED IN A SEPARATE CHAPTER

To give students the biggest and broadest possible picture of intercompany transactions before immersing them in detailed intercompany transaction elimination entry procedures, we greatly expanded the material that describes the nature, types, and **operational importance** of these transactions. Formerly the first part of the intercompany inventory transfer chapter, this material is now in a self-contained chapter, Chapter 9.

MOVING THE INCOME TAXES, EARNINGS PER SHARE, AND CASH FLOWS TOPICS INTO APPENDICES

The discussion of these topics (Chapter 13 in the fifth edition) has been substantially simplified and streamlined as well as separated and moved to appendices of the chapters in which the related financial reporting topics are discussed (Chapters 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 19).

EXPANDED DISCUSSION OF USING DERIVATIVES TO MANAGE FOREIGN CURRENCY EXPOSURES (CHAPTER 17)

To make the material on translation of foreign currency *transactions* less intimidating to students, we placed the discussion of FX forwards and FX option contracts in a separate chapter, Chapter 17. We also standardized and simplified the account descriptions used to record FX forwards and FX option contracts.

More important, we added a general discussion of derivative financial instruments so that students obtain a broader understanding of (1) the unique *characteristics* and *features* of derivatives in general—not just FX forwards and FX options—and (2) the various types of exposures that can exist (*market risk*, *credit risk*, and *liquidity risk*). We also greatly expanded our discussion of the FASB-mandated disclosures required for FX derivatives.

SIMPLER MANNER OF PRESENTING THE CURRENT RATE METHOD AND THE TEMPORAL METHOD (CHAPTERS 18 AND 19)

We substantially reorganized this material so that students learn on a step-by-step basis the two translation methods allowed under SFAS No. 52. Accordingly, the current rate method is discussed entirely in Chapter 18 (along with hedging a net asset position). The temporal method is discussed entirely in Chapter 19 (along with hedging a net monetary position). Tax reporting issues are discussed in an appendix to each chapter.

EXPANDED DISCUSSION OF THE SEC'S ENFORCEMENT POWERS (CHAPTER 22)

To make the rather technical material in Chapter 22 come alive as much as possible, we added an in-depth discussion of the procedures the SEC uses to exercise its enforcement powers (based on our discussions with SEC enforcement office personnel).

EXPANDED DISCUSSION OF GOVERNMENTAL MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING (CHAPTER 24)

We extensively revised and expanded our discussion in Chapter 24 of "what to measure" and "how to measure it" to better show that the so-called *operating statement* is *not* really a true operating statement. We also extensively revised this chapter's introductory material and streamlined the discussion of revenues and expenditures.

EXPANDED DISCUSSION OF THE GASB'S MAJOR CURRENT PROJECT INVOLVING A REEXAMINATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FINANCIAL REPORTING (CHAPTER 25)

In Chapter 25's appendix, we greatly expanded our discussion of the GASB's current ongoing efforts to reexamine governmental financial reporting. These efforts involve the following two broad areas:

- The Financial Reporting Model: Dual-Perspective Reporting versus Single-Perspective Reporting.
- Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (SGAS No. 11).

FULL DISCUSSION OF LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIPS (LLPS) ADDED (CHAPTER 28)

In Chapter 28, we have added a full discussion of *limited liability partnerships* in light of so many public accounting partnerships' (including all of the Big Six firms in 1994) changing to this new form of organization that burst on the scene in 1994 (largely as a result of the AICPA's efforts begun in 1992).

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ACCOUNTING EDUCATION TREND CHANGES

Much of the change in accounting education in the past few years is along the following lines: (1) less emphasis on the traditional lecture and problem-solving mode of instruction in favor of making more use of assignments involving unstructured problem settings; (2) extensive use of group work in light of recent research that documents the value of students learning from one another; (3) a shift in emphasis from memorizing existing GAAP to developing critical-thinking skills; and (4) teaching accounting courses with integrated coverage of related topics in economics, finance, managerial accounting, law, tax, international business, ethics, and interpersonal skills.

Building on changes begun in the fourth edition, we have expanded the number of end-of-chapter assignments that lend themselves to teaching in this manner. These assignments consist of (1) cases, (2) financial analysis problems, and (3) personal situations involving ethics or interpersonal skills. For convenience they are grouped together at the end of each chapter in a section entitled "Thinking Critically" that follows the regular assignment material.

THE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS PROBLEMS (FAPS)

The financial analysis problems (FAPs) are much longer than the cases and the personal situations. When we first started using the FAPs, we were apprehensive about students becoming frustrated at trying to perform financial analysis without having an explanation or illustration in the chapter for developing "their solution." In using the FAPs the past two editions, however, the one comment we repeatedly received from students is that even though the FAPs pushed them beyond what they thought they were capable of, they were grateful for having a unique accounting course that continually forced them to think on their own and use their creativity and imagination rather than merely receive assignments for which they continually referred to the text to see "how it is done" or how an approach should be developed. Furthermore, instructors have encouraged us to develop more of these types of assignments. Also, some instructors indicated to us that by their use of these types of assignments, their course serves as a highly desirable "capstone" financial accounting course (something we also believe occurs).

A consequence of using a substantial portion of these FAPs is that fewer chapters can be assigned. Thus a trade-off question arises as to the relative value of (1) obtaining a technical understanding of issues and accounting procedures versus (2) developing critical thinking skills. Our experience in using the FAPs leads us to believe that a balanced approach is possible and that students receive far more value from being assigned a fewer number of topics and using the FAPs than by being assigned a greater number of topics and not using the FAPs. Some suggestions are set forth in the *Instructor's Resource Manual* regarding ways to obtain the maximum benefit from the FAPs—certain approaches do *not* achieve the desired consequences.

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Unique Emphasis on *Created* Subsidiaries Relative to *Acquired* Subsidiaries

Two of the findings of a major Institute of Management/Financial Executive Institute joint research project (completed in late 1994) were that (1) preparing consolidated financial statements is one of the more important of 15 accounting skill and knowledge areas deemed most important for corporate entry-level accountants and (2) accounting for external expansion (purchase and pooling-of-interests accounting) is not one of these 15 skills. The 15 skills were deemed "the essence of management."

In discussing the relative importance of these two areas with many corporate controllers in the electronics industry in the "Silicon Valley" region of California, the unanimous consensus was that preparing consolidated financial statements is far more important than accounting for external expansion, which typically is encountered infrequently.

These findings confirmed our belief that our decision in the fifth edition to separate the basic conceptual issues involving consolidated financial statements from the conceptual issues associated with business combinations better reflects practices and serves students.

Accordingly, the basic concept of preparing consolidated statements for *created* subsidiaries is discussed in Chapter 1. Accounting for a parent's investment in a *created* subsidiary is discussed in Chapter 2. Accounting for *created* partially owned subsidiaries is discussed in Chapter 3. Accounting for acquired subsidiaries is not discussed until Chapter 4. By focusing solely on parent-created subsidiaries for the first three chapters, we separate the basic concept of preparing consolidated statements from the much more involved concept of changing or not changing the basis of accounting for acquired subsidiaries. The separation of concepts results in a step-by-step, building-block approach to the consolidation topic.

BETTER REFLECTION OF ACTUAL BUSINESS EXPANSION PRACTICES

Aside from the pedagogical advantage, the initial emphasis on *created* subsidiaries better reflects actual business expansion practices. The vast majority of existing subsidiaries were *not acquired* but *created* by their parent companies. (Approximately 600 subsidiaries of U.S. parent companies were created in Ireland alone in the past 25 years.) Consequently, we treat *external expansion* as one facet of preparing consolidated statements—not as an integral part around which the consolidations area is structured.

GREATER INSTRUCTOR FLEXIBILITY IN DECIDING WHAT TO GIVE PRIMARY EMPHASIS

Two recent business trends suggest that this course give more emphasis to international transactions and operations and less emphasis to business combinations. The first trend is the extensive globalization of business that has occurred during the past 15 years. The second trend is the major decline in the 1990s of the number of business combinations relative to the preceding 35 years. An additional consideration is that accounting graduates in their entry-level positions will most likely not be exposed to business combination issues, which are usually handled only at the manager and partner level in public accounting firms.

By discussing *created* subsidiaries (*internal expansion*) separately from *acquired* subsidiaries (*external expansion*), instructors now have the option of either bypassing the business combinations material (Chapters 4–8) until later in the course or omitting it altogether. The advantage to this option is that in a one-semester course, the international topics (Chapters 16–20) can become the centerpiece of the course for those instructors desiring to give greater emphasis to this topic relative to the business combinations topic.

DISCUSSION OF INTERCOMPANY TRANSACTIONS USING CREATED SUBSIDIARIES (CHAPTERS 9, 10, 11, AND 12) INSTEAD OF ACQUIRED SUBSIDIARIES

Consistent with this emphasis on *created* subsidiaries in Chapters 1–3, the textual material and illustrations in Chapters 9–12 (intercompany transactions) are based on *created* subsidiaries instead of *acquired* subsidiaries. We believe intercompany transaction topics are difficult enough for students to initially learn without being burdened by the carryforward of the change- or no-change-in-basis-of-accounting

issue that arises with *external expansion*. Accordingly, the *purchase* versus *pooling* issue is largely contained in Chapters 4–7.

Furthermore, substantially all of the consolidation problems in Chapters 9–12 are based on *created* subsidiaries, enabling these chapters to be taught before the business combinations chapters if an instructor desires to do so. (A few of the problems, however, are labeled as "comprehensive" and involve the additional complexity of either *purchased* or *pooled* subsidiaries so that instructors have the flexibility of integrating these situations into the intercompany transactions topics if they desire.)

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OTHER FEATURES

CURRENT ARTICLES

We have expanded to 13 the number of current articles from business magazines and newspapers as follows:

- Chapter 1 "AT&T Won't Cover Eo's Debts," San Jose Mercury News
- Chapter 3 "Accountant Metcalf Knew Firsthand Give and Take of Taxes," The Wall Street Journal
- Chapter 4 "Hostile Takeovers Are Revived, and Some Embrace 'Bear Hug,' "
 The Wall Street Journal
- Chapter 7 "AT&T Pools with NCR—\$5.7 Billion of Goodwill Avoided," The Wall Street Journal
- Chapter 9 "The Corporate Shell Game," Newsweek
- Chapter 16 "Clashing Values," San Jose Mercury News
- Chapter 16 "All Accountants May Speak the Same Language," The Wall Street Journal
- Chapter 17 "Derivatives Could Hedge Career Growth," The Wall Street Journal
- Chapter 22 "Votes Today, Taxes Tomorrow," Forbes
- Chapter 26 "The Accounting Games Charities Play," Forbes
- Chapter 26 "Unlikely Hero, a Persistent Accountant Brought New Era's Problems to Light," The Wall Street Journal
- Chapter 28 "Partnership Structure Is Called in Question as Liability Risk Rises," The Wall Street Journal
- Chapter 30 "Behind the Fall of Laventhol," Forbes

INTEGRATION OF INTERNATIONAL GAAP PERSPECTIVES

More brief capsules of international GAAP have been added for the consolidation and foreign currency topics so that students can place U.S. GAAP in perspective relative to GAAP around the world. The capsules are:

- Chapter 1 Foreign Consolidation Practices
- Chapter 2 Widespread Use of Parent-Company-Only Statements Overseas
- Chapter 3 Manner of Presenting Noncontrolling Interests in Foreign Countries
- Chapter 3 Basis of Control for Consolidation
- Chapter 4 Foreign Goodwill Accounting Practices
- Chapter 7 Pooling of Interests Practice Around the World
- Chapter 19 Worldwide Translation Practices

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF GAAP CAPSULES

The following historical development of GAAP capsules are included:

Chapter 4 Goodwill

Chapter 7 Pooling of Interests

INTEGRATION OF ETHICS

Numerous ethics cases, many of which relate to topics discussed, are included in the "Personal Situations" assignment material at the end of the chapters.



STUDENT-ORIENTED FEATURES

The following is a list of sixth edition features designed to heighten students' interest and make the text easy to read and use:

- 1. A list of **key learning objectives** to accompany the **topic outline** preceding each chapter.
- **2.** A literary, anecdotal, or humorous **chapter-opening quotation** for each chapter.
- 3. A chapter overview introducing each chapter.
- **4.** Inclusion of more **relevant articles** than ever before from *Forbes*, *Newsweek*, and *The Wall Street Journal* so that students can better relate the material to current events.
- 5. Use of **roman numerals** to distinguish major chapter sections so that students can more readily find topics.
- 6. Extensive use of boldface type for key terms and key concepts.
- 7. Convenient vertical format for consolidation worksheets that uses a plusand-minus scheme consistent with Excel® and LOTUS 1-2-3® spreadsheet software.
- 8. Clearly marked review points for major illustrations.
- 9. End-of-chapter review sections for each chapter that include: (a) a summary of key points; (b) a glossary of new terms; (c) demonstration problems and solutions in key consolidation chapters (Chapters 5 and 6); and (d) multiple-choice self-study questions.
- 10. Descriptive overviews of all exercises, problems, cases, financial analysis problems, and personal situations.
- 11. Placement of cases, financial analysis problems, and personal situations in a readily identifiable section called "Thinking Critically."
- 12. Placement of chapter appendix material after all chapter assignment material.
- **13.** Checklist of key figures for both exercises and problems on the inside covers for easy reference.
- **14.** Use of a **marginal icon** to identify problems that can be worked on the computer using the spreadsheet software models provided to adopters.
- **15. Display of dates** in the assignment material in a graphic manner (12/31/X1) rather than in a *non*graphic manner (December 31, 19X1) for greater ease of use.

VII ANCILLARIES

The following updated ancillaries, all written and revised by the authors, are available with this edition:

SOLUTIONS MANUAL To assist instructors in evaluating and selecting assignment materials, the *Solutions Manual* contains a description of each exercise, problem, case, financial analysis problem, and personal situation. The **relative difficulty** and **estimated time for completion** of the assignment materials are also included.

INSTRUCTOR'S RESOURCE MANUAL AND TESTBOOK The manual is divided into five parts:

- Part I consists of course coverage considerations.
- Part II contains a master list of both teaching transparencies for lectures and problem solution transparencies that accompany the text.
- Part III is an instructor's introduction to the spreadsheet software models that are provided free to instructors and students.
- Part IV contains teaching-related materials for each individual chapter. The
 materials consist of (1) teaching suggestions (including additional items of current interest to students), (2) descriptions of assignment material (including level of difficulty and estimated times), (3) a list of selected readings, and
 (4) a list of transparencies provided.
- Part V is a test bank for each chapter of the text. The test bank is highly accessible
 as a result of grouping items by subtopics and is also available on EXAMaster
 software, which is easy to install and use.

TRANSPARENCIES OF SELECTED PROBLEM SOLUTIONS For nearly all problems involving consolidation or foreign currency translation worksheets, a solutions transparency is available of that worksheet. In addition, selected solutions transparencies are provided for certain other chapters.

TRANSPARENCIES FOR TEACHING Teaching transparencies for use in lecturing on chapter material are available for selected chapters.

WORKING PAPERS Working papers are provided for selected problems in Chapters 2, 3, 5–7, 9–13, 18, 19, and 28.

STUDY GUIDE The *Study Guide* contains approximately 65 study items per chapter, grouped into (1) chapter highlights, (2) completion statements, (3) true-or-false statements, (4) *conceptual* multiple-choice questions, (5) *application* multiple-choice questions, and (6) problems (for Chapters 5–7 only).

SPREADSHEET SOFTWARE MODELS A master diskette is available free to adopting instructors. The models on the diskette are designed for use on IBM® personal computers and compatibles with Excel (version 4.0 or higher) or LOTUS 1-2-3 (version 2.0 or higher) software. **Excel users must instruct Excel to** *read all files*. Approximately 60 problems from the text can be worked on the computer using this software, in 15 class-tested models for 15 chapters. No computer experience is required; each model has its own on-screen instructions that are displayed above the worksheet area. Each problem that can be worked using one of the models is identified with a spreadsheet icon in the margin of the book.

To give students the opportunity to design a template of their own, program some macros for this model, and create logic functions for this model, an assignment containing detailed instructions is provided in Chapter 2 (Problem 2–8). We

also have included an assignment in Chapter 10 containing detailed instructions (Problem 10–7) on how to automate the entire consolidation process when intercompany transactions exist.

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