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- Economic analysis
- Implementation timetable
- Overview of IFRS2/FRS20 and UITF38
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- Discounts for vesting conditions
- Assessment and implications of share price volatility
- Sources of shares
- Spreading costs
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