



A comparison and contrast of German and international financial reporting issues. Accounting for pensions - IAS 19 versus German law

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