ICMA expands global membership

(Zurich, Switzerland) The International Capital Market Association (ICMA) has announced that it added a further 29 firms to its roster of global members during 2009.

These new members join ICMA’s existing diverse global membership, representing a broad range of capital market constituencies including market participants from investment banks and asset management companies as well as law firms, central banks, exchanges and professional advisors.

Martin Scheck, ICMA’s Chief Executive commented: “In what has been another testing year for global markets, the expansion of our membership base demonstrates the continued relevance and value that is placed on ICMA’s practical assistance and standard setting work by the international capital market community. ICMA’s long-standing and widely recognised rules and recommendations for both primary market issuance and secondary market trading in the fixed income markets are helping to maintain safe and robust markets. Specifically, the growing significance of the repo product has emphasised the value of our legal documentation and support services to members in this area.”

ICMA’s new members in 2009 are:

- Banca d’Italia, Rome
- Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, London
- Cetip S.A., Rio de Janeiro
- Dexia Securities France, Paris
- Eurex Repo GmbH, Frankfurt
- EuroMTS Limited, London
- Fortis Bank (Nederland) NV, Rotterdam
- Gide Loyrette Nouel AARPI, Paris
Notes for editors:

1. **International Capital Market Association (ICMA)**

The International Capital Market Association (ICMA) is the self-regulatory organisation and trade association representing constituents and practitioners in the international capital market worldwide. ICMA’s members are located in more than 40 countries, including all of the world’s main financial centres. ICMA performs a crucial central role in the market by providing and enforcing a self-regulatory code of industry-driven rules and recommendations which regulate issuance, trading and settlement in international fixed income and related instruments. ICMA liaises closely with regulatory and governmental authorities, both at the national and supranational level, to ensure that financial regulation promotes the efficiency and cost effectiveness of the capital market.
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