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Date of next meeting

The International Valuation Standards Board is meeting in London on Friday 23 April. There are a limited number of spaces for observers who have registered their attendance in advance. The registration form is available on the IVSC website and the agenda for the meeting will be posted shortly.

Dates for the diary

The International Valuation Professional Board is meeting in London on Friday 4 June. There are a limited number of spaces for observers who have registered their attendance in advance. The registration form will be available on the IVSC website approximately four weeks in advance of the meeting.

The 2010 IVSC AGM for all IVSC members will be held on Saturday 9 October in Miami. Both the International Valuation Standards Board and International Valuation Professional Board will be meeting on 7/8 October.

The 2010 ASA/CICBV Business Valuation

Conference is taking place immediately before the IVSC meetings from October 4-6 at the same hotel in Miami. Full details are available on www.bvconference.com

Exposure draft of new edition IVS

The exposure draft of the proposed new edition of the International Valuation Standards

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IVSC seeks technical director

The IVSC Board of Trustees is looking to appoint a Technical Director to work closely with the International Valuation Standards Board and the International Valuation Professional Board to plan and implement the work plans of those boards. A copy of the job description is available on the IVSC website – www.ivsc.org. Indications of interest and a curriculum vitae should be sent to ivsc@ivsc.org by 5 May 2010.

IVSC Annual Report

Copies of the IVSC Annual Report are being mailed to all IVSC members, sponsors and Board members. It is also available to view on the IVSC website.

EU alternative investment fund managers' directive

Of all the new regulations that have followed the credit crisis, few have been as contentious as the European Commission's proposal from April 2009 on 'Alternative Investment Fund Managers' (AIFM) that is currently under discussion in both the European Parliament and the European Council of Ministers. Although the European Commission's original intention was to introduce greater regulation of the hedge fund and private equity industries, the AIFM Directive has much broader application and captures managers of all alternative asset classes including real estate, commodity and infrastructure funds.

Much of the current debate rages round a provision that may result in the E.U. market being closed to non-E.U. funds and managers if the standards in their home countries are not similarly strict. Global industry centres such as the United States, Canada, Switzerland, Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan, Australia and South Africa, will all be affected by this. This is not just an internal EU matter.

The IVSC's interest in the Directive is that it introduces regulation of both the valuer and the valuation function. The original draft, proposed by the European Commission, required all funds to have independent valuers with the criteria under which a valuer could be considered 'independent' to be developed later. The European Council of Ministers has relaxed the absolute requirement to appoint an independent valuer although the valuation function must be independent of the management function. The Spanish government currently holds the rotating presidency of the Council of Ministers and, in its revised draft proposal, has included the provision that where an independent valuer is used, s/ he shall be subject to mandatory professional registration recognized by law or to legal or regulatory provisions or rules of professional conduct.

The European Parliament must also agree the final draft. A record 1700+ amendments to the original draft have been tabled by Members of the European Parliament so it is difficult to judge what the Parliament's final position will be. However, there are calls for tighter regulation of valuers – some calling for certified valuers and statutory valuation guidelines; others saying that the newly established European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) is deemed the appropriate institution to carry out certification of valuers, establish valuation guidelines and monitor their implementation.

The IVSC is talking to key organisations and individuals involved with the Directive to ensure that they are aware of the advice that the IVSC can offer, particularly during the implementation stage of the Directive. A meeting has already been held with the chair of the European Parliament's Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs. Meetings are being arranged with the representatives of the Spanish Ministry of Economy and Finance, and the Member of the European Parliament responsible for guiding the Directive through the Parliament. Following a meeting last year with the previous European Commissioner responsible for financial services, Charlie McCreevy, a request for a meeting with the newly appointed Commissioner, Michel Barnier, has also been made.

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is expected to be released late May/early June with responses requested by mid September. This is a tight timetable but the Board hopes that it may more easily be met by giving this early warning of the dates for exposure.

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Fair value in foul weather

is the title of a paper given by Andy Haldane, Executive Director for Financial Stability at the Bank of England on March 10 in which he says:

“In the language of George Shackle, stricter valuation standards would help place some bounds on the expectations and imaginations of bankers. This is a role which neither accountants nor regulators are best placed to carry out. It would require a body with both expertise in valuation and objectivity. It would seek consistency and, as far as possible, accuracy in valuations across asset classes, institutions and countries. An International Valuation Standards Board already exists..... Accounting and regulation already has fora to support consistency of standards. During this crisis, valuation practices have been every bit as important. Perhaps they too need international recognition.”

A copy of Mr Haldane’s paper is available on the websites of both the Bank of England – www.bankofengland.co.uk - and the Bank for International Settlements – www.bis.org

Compliance with the international valuation standards recommended as good practice in Asia

The Asian Association for Investors in Non-Listed Real Estate Vehicles (ANREV) has endorsed the guidelines published by The European Association for Investors in Non-listed Real Estate Vehicles (INREV) that provide fund managers and investors with an integrated set of principles guidelines and recommendations for governance and information provision for non-listed property funds. The INREV guidelines recommend use of the International Valuation Standards.

“The INREV Guidelines offers us a ready-made and tested framework to support the rapid development of a common foundation for governance and transparency for non-listed property funds in the region,” said Nick

Loup, Chairman of ANREV and Chief Executive of Grosvenor Asia Pacific. The INREV Guidelines are available on its website - www.inrev.org