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BEYOND THE CRISIS - NEW CHALLENGES FOR CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

On 3 December 2009, in conjunction with the Swedish EU Presidency during the second half of 2009, the Swedish Corporate Governance Board and the European Corporate Governance Institute will host the 8th European Corporate Governance Conference in Stockholm, Sweden. A welcome reception will be held on the evening of 2 December.

In the first morning session, *Mr Jean-Nicolas Caprassé* of the RiskMetrics Group will make the first public presentation of the findings of a major study on monitoring and enforcement mechanisms in corporate governance in the EU Member States. The study was commissioned by the European Commission and carried out by a consortium led by RiskMetrics. *Mr Pierre Delsaux* of the European Commission will comment on the findings, and their ramifications for the future of corporate governance regulation in the EU will be assessed by a roundtable panel of experts with backgrounds in different jurisdictions and corporate governance traditions in the European Union.

The morning's keynote speech will be delivered by *Mr Mats Odell*, Swedish Minister for Local Government and Financial Markets,

After a break for refreshments, the second session will deal with the highly topical issue of regulating remuneration of directors and key staff in listed companies and the financial sector. The session will be introduced by *Mr. John Plender* of the Financial Times, who will also

moderate the ensuing roundtable discussion, focusing on to what extent and in what ways remuneration should be regulated or left to companies and their owners to determine.

The global economic crisis has led to far-reaching governmental involvement in the financial sector as well as in other sectors of the economy. How are governments to handle this from a corporate governance point of view. What degree of European coordination is required? What are the implications for European competition policy and state-aid rules? These and other crucial issues in the aftermath of the crisis will be the theme of the afternoon session, with briefings from two leading experts on the subject, *Professor Xavier Freixas* of the Universitat Pompeu Fabra and *Mr. Humbert Drabbe*, Director for State Aids at the European Commission. The briefings will be followed by a roundtable discussion, moderated by *Professor Marco Becht* of the European Corporate Governance Institute and the Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management.

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