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ICMA announces November 2008 Primary Market Certificate (PMC) Programme Graduates

(London, UK) The International Capital Market Association (ICMA) is pleased to announce that the following candidates have successfully passed the Primary Market Certificate (PMC).

Ben Aliaga-Kelly, *RBC Capital Markets*
William Baghdassarian, *ICMA Centre*
Clement Couvignou, *Dexia BIL*
Ana Curkovic, *Raiffeisenbank Austria d.d.*
Ekaterina Ivchenko, *RZB*
Emma Lancaster, *HSBC*
Thomas Lindup, *Sidley Austin LLP*
Ina Reiprich, *Irish Stock Exchange*
Marcus Stevens, *ING Bank*
Zoltan Toth, *RZB*
Nuno Veigas, *Banco Itau*

The PMC is a valuable qualification for those looking to expand their understanding of the primary markets, in particular for persons working in the origination, syndication and transaction management areas of investment banks or securities houses as well as capital markets lawyers.

The next PMC course takes place for the first time in the Middle East on January 25 to 29, 2009 in Bahrain and again on May 18 to 22, 2009 in London.

Notes for editors:

1. ICMA Executive Education

Since the inception of its European Seminar in 1974, the International Capital Market Association (ICMA), has been committed to providing high quality ICMA Executive Education to its members and to the market at large. The establishment by the Association of the ICMA Centre at The University of Reading in 1991, and its subsequent financial support, has succeeded in creating an institution which is setting the standards in the application of information technology to financial markets training and education.

The suite of ICMA Executive Education courses, which provides training for front, mid and back office functions for beginners, intermediate and advanced levels includes the following:

- Financial Markets Foundation Course (FMFC)
- International Fixed Income and Derivatives (IFID) Certificate
- Operations Certificate Programme (OCP)
- Primary Market Certificate (PMC)
- Commodities
- Inflation Linked Securities
- Corporate Actions
- Global Custody
- and Funds Administration

2. ICMA Centre

The ICMA Centre ('The Business School for Financial Markets') was established in 1991 with funding provided by the International Capital Market Association (ICMA) in Zurich. The Centre is housed in a purpose-built modernist building with state-of-the-art facilities including two dealing rooms using software similar to those found in major investment banks. Due to the great success of the Centre and growing demand for their programmes from a worldwide audience, ICMA has invested in a further £5 million expansion to the building which includes an additional 50 seat dealing room, 170 seat lecture theatre as well as new seminar rooms and dedicated research area. See: www.icmacentre.ac.uk

3. International Capital Market Association (ICMA)

ICMA is the self-regulatory organisation representing the financial institutions active in the international capital market worldwide. ICMA's members are located in some 50 countries across the globe, including all the world's main financial centres, and currently number around 400 firms. See: www.icmagroup.org

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