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Fourth European Risk Management Benchmarking Survey Begins

The Federation of European Risk Management Associations (FERMA), in cooperation with sponsors Axa Corporate Solutions and Ernst & Young, is conducting a fourth risk management benchmarking inquiry this spring. The results will be announced at the FERMA seminar, which will take place in Brussels on 30 September-1 October 2008.

The survey, which has been conducted every other year since 2002, asks risk managers belonging to national associations that are members of FERMA to respond to about 30 questions on risk management policy and practices, support and relationships, risks and objectives, communications and insurance.

Risk manager members of associations from 15 countries will be eligible to respond to the questionnaires which will be distributed in March. This is three more countries than participated the last time the survey took place in 2004, thanks to the associations have joined FERMA since then: Bulgaria's BRIMA, Finland's FinnRiMa and POLRISK from Poland.

FERMA President, Marie-Gemma Dequae urges risk managers to take part in the survey which will be conducted by an independent third party organisation. "The more risk managers who participate, the more useful the responses will be for them to benchmark against their own situations," she said. "I would like to reassure them that their confidentiality is protected. The survey is conducted by an independent third party organisation, and we do not see the identity of those who respond, only the total figures."

The FERMA seminar, a biennial event which alternates with the larger FERMA Forum, has been extended this year to take place over one and a half days. It is a risk manager's only event and free for them to attend. The afternoon of 30 September will be devoted to European issues, such as the environmental liability directive and competition in commercial insurance, with which FERMA is involved. The survey results will be presented on 1 October with copies provided free to risk managers in the member associations.

Paul Taylor becomes vice-president

Paul Taylor, Director Group Risk Management & Insurance for Swiss based packaging company Tetra-Laval, has been named interim vice-president of FERMA. He replaces Hans Gorrée, president of the Dutch risk management association, NARIM. Mr Gorrée, who stepped down because of the demands of work and his role with NARIM, will continue as a member of the FERMA board of directors. FERMA is grateful for his



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contribution to the association and appreciates the important role he is playing in NARIM. Mr Taylor's appointment will go before the board of directors in June for confirmation, as required by the FERMA constitution.

Notes to journalists:

Journalists are welcome to attend the seminar. FERMA will send registration details closer to the time.

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The national risk management associations of 15 countries form the Federation of European Risk Management Associations – FERMA. It represents over 5,000 individual members and a wide range of business sectors from manufacturing to financial services, charities and health organisations as well as local government organisations. Member associations are from the following countries: Belgium (BELRIM), Bulgaria (BRIMA), Denmark (DARIM), Finland (FinnRiMa), France (AMRAE), Germany (Bfv & DVS), Italy (ANRA), Netherlands (NARIM), Poland (POLRISK) Portugal (APOGERIS), Russia (RusRisk), Spain (AGERS), Sweden (SWERMA), Switzerland (SIRM) and United Kingdom (AIRMIC).

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