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European Confederation of Directors' Associations

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## **PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **KPMG member firms in Europe and ICSA as new supporters for ecoDa**

The European Confederation of Directors' Associations (ecoDa), bringing together ten national institutes of directors and representing around 58 000 individual board members, is pleased to announce that the KPMG member firms in Europe and ICSA (the British *Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators*) have just joined the confederation as new partners.

The Audit Committee Institutes' network of the KPMG member firms in Europe serves as a resource for audit committee members and senior management. The Audit Committee Institutes' mission is to communicate with audit committee members to enhance their awareness of, commitment to, and ability to implement effective audit committee processes.

ICSA is the leading professional body for company secretaries and a global voice on governance and regulatory issues across all sectors. With 36,000 members and 27,000 students in over 70 countries, the Institute is uniquely placed to comment on training, regulatory and business issues from an international perspective.

The increasing membership is a signal that ecoDa is becoming an effective and prominent stakeholder representative in Corporate Governance. Miles Templeman, Chairman of ecoDa, states that "*ecoDa will benefit from the input of insiders and outsiders to the boardroom for the achievement of a common goal: dissemination of best Corporate Governance practices*".

ecoDa has already set up its annual priorities in accordance with these new affiliations. The confederation will dedicate specific attention to audit committees and will carry out a joint study with ICSA on the role of board secretaries (and corporate governance officers) throughout Europe.

## Board members:

- **Miles Templeman**, Director General of the British Institute of Directors (IoD), non-executive Chairman of Shepherd Neame, non-executive at restaurant chain YO! Sushi and a non-executive director of Melrose plc.
- **Daniel Lebègue**, Chairman of the French Institute of Directors (IFA), non executive director of Alcatel Lucent, Crédit Agricole SA, Technip, Scor and he is director of the European Corporate Governance Institute,
- **Pierre Klees**, Director of Guberna, Chairman of Vinçotte Group and directors of Trasys, MCM, Proviron, SPE sa and SEGEBEL sa,
- **Patrick Zurstrassen**, Chairman of the Luxembourg Institute of Directors, director of the European Corporate Governance Institute, and member of the European Advisory group on Corporate Governance and Company Law,
- **Juan Alvarez-Vijande**, Executive Director of Spanish Board Director Association (IC-A) boardroom experience at Amper Group, Cable and Wireless SA, Baytree International , Telefonica and Alcatel Space affiliates,
- **Olli V. Virtanen**, Chairman of the Finnish Professional Board Members Association (Hallitusammattilaiset ry), Editor-in-Chief and Publisher of Board News, a magazine promoting corporate governance,
- **Irena Prijovic**, Secretary General of Slovenian Association of Supervisory Board Members.

*In addition, ecoDa's management group is composed of:*

- **Lutgart van den Berghe**, Executive Director of Guberna, director of Electrabel and Belgacom, Member of the Supervisory Board of C.S.M and of SHV-Holding,
- **Richard Ziswiller**, Chairman of the IFA's international committee and Delegate director of the Conference board,
- **Philippe Declaire**, director of Jadre Management engineering network, GVA asset management, Dexia immorent, Member of the Supervisory Board of Actes Sud.

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