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Global FM Ready to Engage with the Facility Management Community

The second board meeting of Global FM took place on 11 October 2006 in San Diego USA, immediately following the IFMA World Workplace conference.

Several significant resolutions were approved by the Board including the appointment of Fred Child as the BIFM sponsored Director on the Board with a European responsibility and the appointment of Kellen Company as the chosen Secretariat organisation that will support Global FM from its base in Brussels, Belgium. Following an RFP process over several months Kellen Europe was appointed and Maria Teresa Scardigli attended her first Board meeting as the new Secretary for the organisation. This appointment fulfils the stated objective that the National Member Associations of Global FM will not be required to support the finance and administration needs of the organisation.

Alongside the Board meeting the first Global FM hosted International Workshop was held. The purpose of this workshop was to bring together potential member associations to communicate and discuss the Global FM initiative in an open and constructive manner. Global FM had previously decided to pause dialog with potential members of all grades until a sufficient foundation, infrastructure and governance model was established.

With our doors now open, the Members of the Board had an exceptionally busy three days talking with a number of Organisations, associated with all grades of membership, regarding how they could now engage with the Global FM initiative. We were greatly encouraged by the response we have received having had discussions with potential members of all types of membership class and it is anticipated that as a result of the meetings held in San Diego announcements will follow in due course with regard to the expansion of the membership base.

Stan Mitchell, Global FM Chairman, stated: "Global FM has in the past months successfully established a solid and structured foundation. We recognise and embrace the challenges ahead and we believe that the time is right for the facility management community to develop on an international level and through Global FM we have established the vehicle to do so. We are now looking forward to engaging with the community as a whole in taking this initiative forward to the benefit of all."

All participants in the International workshop agreed that this was an extremely informative and useful forum and as a result it is intended that similar workshops will be arranged around future Board meetings for various categories of Association Leadership. In the future it is

anticipated that such an approach will be extended to Association Staff. The feedback received during the workshop validated that our approach to date had established an infrastructure capable of embracing the diverse cultures and requirements that would inevitably be required for welcoming the wider worldwide facilities management community.

Whilst the Board holds virtual meetings on a monthly basis the physical Board Meetings are currently held alongside the national conferences of IFMA, BIFM and FMA Australia. The next Global FM Board meeting is scheduled for 25 March 2007 in Oxford England.

NOTE FOR EDITORS:

The Global FM vision is to create the worldwide community of organisations that provides leadership in Facilities Management.

The Mission Statement of Global FM is about developing and promoting knowledge, standards and education in the Facilities Management profession. Using one voice, it collaborates on the development and means to share the progress of facilities management, knowledge and standards.

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