

FINANCE FORUM 4 - 2007

European Venture Capital:

Some recent experiences of a State development bank

with Roger Bendisch, General Manager of the IBB-Beteiligungsgesellschaft (www.ibb-bet.de)

Date and Time: **Tuesday 27th March, 2007, 5.00 - 6.30 pm** (light refreshments provided)

Venue: **Finsia offices, Level 12, 330 Collins Street, Melbourne.**

The Melbourne Centre for Financial Studies has invited visiting government banker Roger Bendisch of IBB-Beteiligungsgesellschaft to explain his organisation's role as a key investor in start-up companies in Berlin Germany.

Roger Bendisch has worked in the German venture capital industry since 1990 and was member of the Board of the German Venture Capital Association (www.bvk-ev.de) from 1999-2003.

The IBB-Beteiligungsgesellschaft is the venture capital arm of the Investitionsbank Berlin. The Investitionsbank Berlin (IBB) is the central promotional bank of the city-state of Berlin.

Its main areas of activity lie in monetary business promotion, particularly that of Berlin's SMEs. Through its monetary aid, comprehensive financing consultancy, aid and loan processing based on business criteria, it primarily supports small and mid-sized technology-oriented companies in Berlin.

IBB has played an important role in business development in the former East Berlin since reunification, including a number of successful state sponsored IPOs on the NeuMarkt. The IBB-Bet has invested 60 million Euros in over 80 companies in the last 10 years.

This is the fourth for 2007 in a topical series of "Finance Forums" which the Melbourne Centre arranges with the objective of improving industry-academia contacts, identifying research projects and opportunities for research partnerships. It is expected that those attending will be keen to participate in discussion.

Please note that there is a **limit on the number of attendees** but there is no charge. If you are interested in attending and participating, please indicate by an email to info@melbournecentre.com.au with the subject header of "*Finance Forum – European Venture Capital*" by **noon on Monday 26th March** (If you subsequently discover you are unavailable to attend, please advise us so that we can offer the place to others who are interested).

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