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Occasional Seminar Series and "Stress-Testing for Financial Institutions" Book Launch

Forecasting Credit Portfolio Losses for Economic Downturns

with Prof Daniel Rösch, Head of Institute of Banking & Finance, Leibniz University Hannover (Germany) & Dr. Harry Scheule, Department of Finance, the University of Melbourne

Date: Monday February 23rd 2009
Time: 12:00pm registration 12.15– 2:15pm (presentations with sandwich lunch)
Venue: Ernst & Young, 8 Exhibition Street, Melbourne (Attendees must report to Ground Floor concierge)
Cost: Free (Delegates must be registered in advance to be admitted.)

Stress-testing is a central part of Basel 2 capital adequacy requirements and has become more important with the US Financial Stability Plan announcement.

Dr. Daniel Rösch is Professor of Management and Head of the Institute of Banking and Finance at Leibniz University Hannover in Germany. He received a PhD from University of Regensburg. His work covers a broad range in asset pricing and empirical finance. He has published numerous articles on risk management, credit risk, banking, and quantitative finance in leading international journals and has organized numerous executive training courses.

Dr. Harry Scheule is a senior lecturer at the Department of Finance at the University of Melbourne and is an associate of Melbourne Centre for Financial Studies. Harry's research focuses include Banking, Financial Risk Management, Fixed Income, and Insurance. Dr. Scheule is an expert in the analysis and forecasting of default and recovery risk. He completed his PhD at the University of Regensburg, Germany on 'Forecasting Credit Portfolio Risk' in collaboration with the German central bank. Harry has consulted banks, insurance and reinsurance companies in Australia, Europe, Asia and North America. His papers have been published in the journals of Risk, Fixed Income and Risk Finance.

The lunch session will launch the book ***Stress-testing for Financial Institutions: Applications, Regulations and Techniques*** edited by Daniel Rösch and Harald Scheule.

Testimonials:
"At the *Deutsche Bundesbank* stress testing is considered an integral part of financial stability analysis, and we highly appreciate any improvement in stress testing methodologies. Hence, we are grateful to Daniel Rösch and Harald Scheule for their contribution to this important field of research."
"Stress testing is an essential tool for a prudential supervisor. In many cases it is the best, in fact, only way to assess an industry's or a regulated entity's ability to survive reasonably foreseeable adversity. *APRA* has relied upon stress tests as an important complement to its other supervisory tools, and stress testing has helped us avoid or at least prepare for many of the financial shocks currently at large in the world. The book *Stress-testing for Financial Institutions* is a timely and useful addition to the stress testing literature. This book will help practitioners undertake more insightful and more robust stress testing." **For more information:** www.riskbooks.com/stresstesting.

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If you are interested in attending and participating, please indicate by an email to **info@melbournecentre.com.au** with the subject header of *"Academic Seminar – Stress-Testing"* by **4pm on Friday February 20th 2009** to avoid disappointment.

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