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TOP INTERNATIONAL SPEAKERS SECURED FOR GLOBE 2008

For Immediate Release:

Vancouver, Canada – The GLOBE Foundation is pleased to announce that well over 100 speakers have already been secured for the 10th event in the renowned GLOBE series, including some of the world's most prestigious business, government, and social leaders. Roberto Dobles, Minister of the Environment & Energy of Costa Rica (San Jose, Costa Rica), His Excellency Amr Abdullah Al-Dabbagh, Governor, Saudi Arabian General Investment Authority (Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia), Olivia Hartridge, Vice President Morgan Stanley (London, UK) and The Honourable Gordon Campbell, Premier, Province of British Columbia (Victoria, BC, Canada), will all interact with delegates through engaging conference sessions.

GLOBE 2008 will host over 10,000 people (including 2,000 conference delegates, 400 exhibitors, 200 speakers) and dozens of international delegations from across the planet. **GLOBE 2008 will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia from March 12 to 14, 2008** centering around five main themes: Corporate Sustainability, Energy & Climate Change, Finance and Sustainability, Future of the Automotive Industry and Building Better Cities.

Roberto Dobles, Minister of the Environment & Energy of Costa Rica, is in charge of Environment, Energy, Water Resources, Mining and Telecommunications for Costa Rica. Dobles is currently President of the Governing Council Bureau for the United Nations Environment Program 2007-2009, President of the Ministerial Global Environmental Forum 2007 and was the Pro Tempore President of the Central American Commission of Environment and Development (CCAD) II Semester 2006. Dr. Dobles has served as the Chairman and CEO of the National Institute of Electricity (ICE), the President of the Administration Council of the National Company of Light and Power (CNFL), Minister of Science and Technology, and Chairman and CEO of the National Refinery Company (RECOPE) in Costa Rica.

His Excellency Amr Abdullah Al-Dabbagh, Governor, Saudi Arabian General Investment Authority, has been lauded by government and private sector leaders for his visionary and highly ambitious leadership capacity, which has recently earned him Man of Year by Arabian Business Magazine, Global Leader of Tomorrow by the Executive Board of the World Economic Forum and the Editorial Board of Worldlink Magazine, and the Leadership Award of the 12th Arab Economic Forum. In the 3 years since he assumed the position in March 2004, SAGIA has seen the value of investment licenses grow to 19 times the total since it was created in 2000 (from US\$4.5 billion to \$US80 billion).

Olivia Hartridge, Vice President, Morgan Stanley, has been responsible for the implementation of several carbon credit and emissions trading programs across Europe and most recently has taken the position as Vice President for financial advising company Morgan Stanley, in charge of their "carbon bank." The program is the company's first fully-integrated carbon auditing and offsetting service. Hartridge has also managed the implementation of the EU emissions trading scheme.

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Gordon Campbell, Premier, Province of British Columbia British Columbia's 34th premier. His government was first sworn into office on June 5, 2001 with the largest majority in B.C. history. He was re-elected on May 17, 2005, making him the first premier in 22 years, and only the fifth in B.C. history, to be elected to two consecutive terms. In 2001, Mr. Campbell's government inherited a provincial economy that through the 1990s had become one of the worst in Canada. Today, B.C. has the lowest personal income tax rates in the country for lower- and middle-income earners, and now leads the nation in economic growth, job creation, and business optimism. This strong economic and fiscal foundation has given the B.C. government more resources to make long-term investments in health care, education, and supports for people in need.

About GLOBE

GLOBE 2008 is produced by the GLOBE Foundation, an international consultancy organization in the business of the environment. GLOBE's expertise lies in project management, event development, and management and consulting in the fields of environment and energy, urban development, and corporate responsibility. The GLOBE Foundation is North America's longest operating producer of environmental events, having produced the GLOBE series since 1993.

GLOBE events have historically attracted over 10,000 attendees and are expecting participation from over 80 countries from around the world. This year's event will focus on five main themes: Corporate Sustainability, Energy & Climate Change, Finance and Sustainability, Building Better Cities and the Future of the Automotive Industry. For further information, visit www.globe2008.ca

Introducing Auto FutureTech @ GLOBE 2008

Auto FutureTech is a new special feature theme that will bring together an elite global gathering of representatives of the automotive and fuel sector's major stakeholders. Key individuals including scientists, university researchers, economists, entrepreneurs, leaders of think tanks, suppliers and representatives from major automotive manufacturers will gather at the conference, which is expected to create the blueprint for the future of the industry.

Together the parties will explore the key issues, challenges and opportunities confronting the global automotive industry over the coming decade.

Auto FutureTech will answer the question "what's next?" in terms of human transportation. Companies such as Bosch, General Motors, Advanced Lithium Power and Toyota will show the world what we can expect in the next 10 to 20 years. For further information, visit www.autofuturetech.com.

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