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IVSC and TAF Agree to Work Together on Convergence of Global Valuation Standards

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The International Valuation Standards Committee (IVSC) and The Appraisal Foundation of the United States (TAF) have issued a memorandum of understanding, known as the Madison Agreement. Both parties commit themselves to the ultimate goal of a single set of understandable and enforceable global valuation standards.

The Agreement was reached at a meeting of the leadership of the two organizations held in Washington, DC on 3 February 2006 and was endorsed by the Management Board of the IVSC at its meeting on 30 April 2006 and the Board of Trustees of The Appraisal Foundation at its meeting on 20 May 2006.

As a first step towards the goal, both parties are preparing to seek greater convergence of the *Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice* (USPAP) and the *International Valuation Standards* (IVS), and have appointed small working groups to identify current differences between the two sets of standards and to report by September 2006. Both organisations will then use their best efforts to progress towards the elimination of identified differences working within the due process procedures of each organisation.

Joseph Vella, IVSC chairman, welcomed the Agreement, "This is a significant step for the IVSC to reach a truly global set of valuation standards. Whilst there may be challenges ahead, the Boards of both organisations are committed to the process of identifying and eliminating any major differences between US and International Valuation Standards."

Lee Hackett, Chairman of The Appraisal Foundation, stated that, "The Appraisal Foundation is pleased to be working with the IVSC on this important project. While we still see the need for domestic standards such as USPAP, the harmonization of valuation terms and concepts is crucial for the profession worldwide."

A copy of the Madison Agreement can be downloaded by [clicking here](#).

About the International Valuation Standards Committee

The IVSC was founded in 1981 as a result of an agreement by national profession valuation institutes from a number of countries. Well over 50 countries are now represented on the IVSC. The IVSC was incorporated as a not-for-profit organisation in the US in 2004 with its operational headquarters in London. The IVSC has published International Valuation Standards (IVS) since 1985. The Standards are available to view on the IVSC website – www.ivsc.org. The Standards cover the valuation of property, plant and equipment, businesses, intangible assets, personal property, properties in the extractive industries, and specialised trading properties which are bought and sold as operating entities.

About The Appraisal Foundation

The Appraisal Foundation is a non-profit organisation established in 1987 and is dedicated to the professional advancement of the appraisal profession. The Appraisal Foundation is authorized by the United States Congress as the source of professional appraisal standards and real property appraiser qualifications. The Foundation accomplishes its mission through the work of its two independent Boards,

the Appraisal Standards Board (ASB) and the Appraiser Qualifications Board (AQB). More information on The Appraisal Foundation is available at www.appraisalfoundation.org.

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