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GLOBAL FM ELECTS NEW CHAIRMAN AND NOMINATES NEW DIRECTORS OF THE BOARD

BRUSSELS, Belgium — (April 18, 2008) — The Global Facility Management Association (Global FM) has held its first ever Annual General Meeting in Oxford, UK since its inauguration in May 2006. Since then, Global FM has made significant progress: 6 hot topics have been developed, 4 International Workshops around the world have taken place to assist in the understanding of what the common issues are amongst those that practice and are associated with the facilities management profession and practice.

Global FM has also expanded its membership from four founding members to three additional full members (ABRAFAC, HFMS, SAFMA) and also associate members. During the Annual General Meeting the Global FM board also formally welcomed ABRAFAC Vice President Francisco Abrantes on behalf of the Brazilian Association and Jozsef Czerny, Chairman of the Hungarian Facility Management Society. Apologies were received from the South African Facility Management Association. ABRAFAC, the Associação Brasileira De Facilities joined Global FM as a full member beginning of March 2008.

The Annual General Meeting served as a good checkpoint for Global FM to see how the Association has developed in the past 18 months. The Association's strategy has been reviewed, a concrete Action Plan has been endorsed and all participants felt very positive about the future and the potential that Global FM offered each Member Association and the development of the profession at large. In addition, the Annual General Meeting made a number of new appointments to the Board of Global FM, including the election of Steve Gladwin as the new Chairman.

Steve Gladwin is Managing Director of HOCHTIEF Facility Management UK and Ireland. Prior to this role Steve spent almost 20 years living and working in Australia where he was actively involved in the development of the FM industry and is a previous past chair of FMA Australia. During his career in Australia and prior to relocating to the UK, Steve held Senior Management positions with Haden Facilities Management & Tyco International prior to being a major shareholder in Tungsten Group, the largest independent privately owned FM company in Australia.

Gladwin states, "First of all I would like to thank Stan Mitchell for all his hard work for Global FM. With his achievements he put up high measures for me! But it is a great honour to take on this position and I am really looking forward to continue my work for Global FM. We had our Board meeting just a day before the Annual General Meeting and we have agreed on significant steps forward. It's great to see Global FM develop in such a short timeframe and also the growth in membership".

Stan Mitchell, first Chairman of Global FM will continue his work at the Global FM Board as Immediate Past Chairman. He hands over to Gladwin and a newly constituted Board by saying "In the development of an initiative such as Global FM it is often a thankless task you have taken on, which can be equally lonely without the right calibre of people around you. During my period as Chairman I was blessed with a tremendously committed and enthusiastic group of people who provided all the motivation that we each required when trying to balance the voluntary work for Global FM with our respective day jobs.

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I would like to thank Jean Marc-Robic and Matt Dawson who, along with myself, have stepped down as Directors from the Board, their contribution has been significant over the past 18 months. The election of Steve Gladwin as the new Chairman, along with the new Board Directors, leaves Global FM in safe hands. Steve has been involved in the Global FM initiative from the beginning and has contributed more than most in getting it to where it is today. His leadership and competency is beyond doubt and I know that Global FM will continue to develop and grow and serve the facilities management community around the world in an inclusive way under his leadership. He has around him an excellent team and I look forward to the ongoing development of Global FM 'using one voice' on behalf of the sector as whole, in furthering our standing and relevance in the global marketplace"

In addition the Directors of the board have been nominated for a two-year term:

- Pascale Mangot-Lagarde, (ARSEG) Europe
- Lionel Cottin, (ARSEG) Europe
- Fred Child, (BIFM) Europe
- Ian Fielder, (BIFM) Europe
- Andrew McEwan, (FMA Australia) Oceania
- David Duncan, (FMA Australia) Oceania
- Teena G. Shouse, CFM, (IFMA) Americas
- Dave Brady, (IFMA) Americas



Global FM Annual General Meeting in March 2008



Former Chairman Stan Mitchell (left) with new Chairman Steve Gladwin (right)

NOTE TO EDITORS:

About Global FM

Global FM is an international not-for-profit organization based in Brussels, Belgium. It represents a worldwide community of organizations that provide leadership in facility management. Global FM's mission is, using one voice, to collaborate on the development and promotion of the strategic value of facility management. For more information, visit www.globalfm.org.

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