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INTERNATIONAL WEALTH MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE IN MAURITIUS

Mauritius, 16 May 2006: The first Indian Ocean Conference organised by STEP (Society of Trust & Estate Practitioners) takes place on 17/18 May at Le Meridien Hotel, Mauritius with the assistance of members of the Society in Mauritius and South Africa. The conference entitled ***Private Client Business - The Multicultural Advantage*** will focus on the exciting opportunities within the Region for the provision of advisory services in the fields of estate planning, wealth management and inward and outward investment.

Key themes include:

- Use of Mauritius as a gateway for offshore investment
- South Africa: Inward Investment & Outward Planning
- Multi Jurisdictional Trust Restructuring
- Trust à la Mauricienne
- Recent Trust Cases

The main conference partners of this event are Deutsche Bank, Copex and the British Virgin Islands International Finance Centre with a number of local member companies of STEP member companies playing a supporting role.

With in excess of 120 delegates from as far afield as UK, South Africa, Switzerland and the Channel Islands as well as locally based participants, the conference promises to be of great interest to the business community.

The Hon. Rama Sithanen, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Mauritius, keynote speaker on the opening day of the conference, said: *"Conferences like these are important to anyone working in the fields of estate planning, wealth management and inward and outward investment. Regional investors will have an opportunity to network with leading trust and estate practitioners and examine key investment options."*

Other sessions will be presented by highly respected local and international speakers such as Mervin Messias, Chairman, STEP South Africa, Sunil Banymandhub, CIM Financial Group, Mauritius and Richard Pease, Deputy Chairman STEP Worldwide.

Javeed Ameen, Chief Country Officer for Deutsche Bank in Mauritius said, *"We had no hesitation in accepting STEP's invitation to act as one of the lead sponsors for this inaugural event. We have been providing fiduciary services from Mauritius since 1995 and are delighted to take part in this initiative to promote the benefits of our jurisdiction to a wider audience. We are particularly pleased that Jeff Halpern, Global Head of Deutsche Bank's Private Wealth Management Fiduciary Services Division, is also available to speak at this conference."*

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1. Please note that some speakers are available for media interviews.
2. For further press information or images please contact Hannah Bryce at Barker Brooks Media on UK +44 (0)1423 872 828 or hannah@barkerbrooks.co.uk
3. Conference partners include *Deutsche Bank* and *BVI International Finance Centre*.

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