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PRESS RELEASE

TOP CITY WOMEN SCOOP PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS

Today, eight of London's top business women have won their category for the prestigious Women in the City Awards. The eight finalists will go on to compete for the overall Jaguar 2008 Woman of Achievement Award, which will be presented on Friday, 28th November at the 6th Annual Women in the City Lunch held at Plaisterers' Hall, London.

The annual Awards recognise excellence and celebrate the achievements of senior and partner-level professionals working in the City of London, Canary Wharf, and Mayfair. Gwen Rhys, Chief Executive of Networking Culture and creator of the Women in the City Awards, said;

"Despite the credit crunch London remains one of the most competitive financial marketplaces in the world. In this marketplace are many talented women who lead and inspire. Importantly, these Awards throw a spotlight on these women and the role they play in directing and shaping the future of our great city.

"Today we are delighted to announce the category winners from whom we will shortly announce the overall winner at our Annual Women in the City Lunch & Awards."

The 2008 Category winners for the eight professional services are:-

Accountancy: Kathryn Britten, BDO Stoy Hayward

Alternative Investment: Trish Barrigan, Benson Elliot Capital Management

Facilities Management: Lianne Schloss, Morgan Stanley

Financial Services: Dr Denise Pollard-Knight, Nomura

Insurance: Amanda Blanc, Towergate Partnership Limited

Legal: Diana Good, Linklaters

Management Consultancy: Sara Caplan, KPMG

Property: Carol Bell, Robinson Low Francis property and construction consultants

The Awards judging panel is chaired by Prof Susan Vinnicombe, OBE, Director of the International Centre for Women Leaders at Cranfield School of Management. She added;

“The quality of all the applicants was extremely high and the short-listed candidates present the very best exemplars of women who excel within their chosen professions and, at the same time, champion the progress of women and make a real difference.”

The sponsors of the 2008 Women in the City Lunch & Awards are; Bradshaw Property Associates, Coutts & Co, University of Chicago Graduate School of Business, Cranfield School of Management, Jaguar, Global Excellence, Pink Events, and Women Inspired by Wine.

Places are still available at the 2008 Lunch & Awards Ceremony. To book a place online visit www.citywomen.co.uk. Alternatively please telephone 0704 404 7497.

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Notes to editors:

Photographs and interviews are available upon request.

If you are a journalist and you are interested in attending the final awards ceremony please contact Harriet Subramanian, Media Relations Manager, Email: media@citywomen.co.uk .

Launched in 2003 Women and the City is a networking Lunch created by Gwen Rhys, Chief Executive of Networking Culture Ltd. The lunch brings together 350 senior management and partner level women who work in London's financial districts including the City of London, Canary Wharf and Mayfair.

Gwen Rhys is a Freeman of the City of London, a female Liveryman and Assistant to the Court of the Worshipful Company of Glass Sellers and a member of the Queenhithe Ward Club. Her company, Networking Culture Ltd, specialises in helping business people develop powerful business relationships both internally and externally and its client base includes many of the City's professional practices.

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