

AVCA Press Conference Release

Cairo, 25th October, 2009 - The African Venture Capital Association (AVCA), a non-profit organization, hosted a press conference today at the Four Seasons - Nile Plaza, announcing the details of its forthcoming 8th Annual Conference, which will take place here in Cairo on 15th - 17th November at the Cairo Marriott hotel, under the slogan Africa: The Growth Continent for Private Equity "Investment Opportunities 2010 and Beyond". The Conference is mainly sponsored by the FMO (The Netherlands Development Finance Company) and is co-hosted by Citadel Capital. The press conference was held under the auspices of H.E. Susan Blankhart, the Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Egypt, who was representing FMO. Also in attendance was Mr. Matt Troniak, Vice-Chairman of AVCA and Mr. Milton Lore, incoming Managing Director of AVCA, as well as Citadel Capital's Managing Director, Mr. Abdalla EElebiary.

The Conference promises to be a meeting point for all those involved in private equity across Africa, as well as those interested in Africa's emerging market potential, and will feature a large number of government officials, prominent investors and members of industry and the financial world. Over 350 investment professionals and companies are expected to attend the conference this year.

"The main goal of the Conference next month is to highlight the investment opportunities on the continent, which can provide ROIs exceeding all expectations. Recently, Africa has witnessed major improvements such as those in its communication networks, which have helped investment to flourish, especially in the agricultural sector. This has encouraged the IMF to launch several projects which have served to speed up the development process and the continent is now one of the most attractive markets for investment," said Mr. Troniak.

A long and impressive list of speakers were also announced including Mr. Nanno D. Kleiterp, CEO of FMO, Mr. Vijay Mahajan, author of a book entitled Africa Rising, and Mr. William J. Kramer, President of The Global Challenge Network. Also amongst the attendees will be Minister Elton Mangoma, Minister of Economic Planning for Zimbabwe as well as a list of high profile international investors, key Egyptian and other African government officials and a significant number of Africa focused PE funds, LPs and GPs.

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For registration and further information please visit: www.avcaegypt2009.com. AVCA hosts the most significant and successful annual conference series on private equity and venture capital for the African continent. Cairo, 12th November, 2009 - Investors and fund managers descend on Cairo for the African Venture Capital Association's (AVCA) 8th Annual conference, which is due to take place here in Cairo on 15th - 17th November. The prominence of the conference is such that it will be held under the auspices of Egypt's Ministry of Investment. Under the slogan Africa: The Growth Continent for Private Equity "Investment Opportunities 2010 and Beyond", the Conference is sponsored by the FMO and co-hosted by Citadel. Amongst the attendees will be the Minister of Economic Planning for Zimbabwe, Mr. Elton

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