



World Valuation Bodies Sign Vancouver Accord Assigning Value to Sustainability

Vancouver B.C. – The Vancouver Valuation Accord was signed today by the Premier of British Columbia and an international conglomerate of bodies responsible for appraisals and valuation, signalling a declaration of the importance of cementing sustainability in business practices.

Signing the Accord were BC Premier Gordon Campbell, the Appraisal Institute, Appraisal Institute of Canada, World Green Building Council, Canada Green Building Council, Building Owners and Managers Association, US Green Building Council, BC Hydro, BLJC-Workplace Solutions Inc. and the Town of View Royal.

The Vancouver Valuation Accord is a response to the evolving importance of sustainability and the need for its value to be understood in valuations and appraisals. It is a commitment to review sustainability and valuation, including education standards and practices.

The work of the Accord will report back in 2010 and will be managed and developed through the website www.vancouveraccord.org.

The Accord was signed at the Vancouver Valuation Summit held at the Westin Bayshore Hotel and Resort in Vancouver BC, Canada. Over 200 key thinkers and practitioners attended the conference with key speakers including Sean Gilbert, Director of Technical Development for the Global Reporting Initiative; Bridget Liddell, United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment Board Member; and Dr. Charles McNeill, United Nations Development Program Environment Program Team Manager and Senior Biodiversity Advisor.

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