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TREASURY SECRETARY PAULSON, NYSE EURONEXT CEO TO SPEAK AT CII SPRING MEETING

Treasury Secretary **Henry Paulson** and **Duncan Niederauer**, the new CEO of NYSE Euronext, will be opening speakers at the Council of Institutional Investors' annual spring meeting, April 10-11, 2008, at the Capital Hilton in Washington, DC. The theme of the conference is "Thinking Globally." Meeting sessions will focus on the global credit crisis, sovereign wealth funds, stock exchange consolidation and international convergence of financial standards and rules.

Hot topics in corporate governance—including CEO pay and a path for shareowners to nominate candidates to corporate boards—will also be on the agenda.

NOTE: The meeting is open to the media but NO CAMERAS will be permitted. To view the full agenda and register online, visit the Council's Web site, www.cii.org.

Other speakers include:

Carolyn Ervin, a director at the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), will address the growing impact of sovereign wealth funds.

Commissioner **Kathleen Casey** of the Securities and Exchange Commission will speak about SEC oversight of credit rating agencies and securities firms.

Peter Fisher, managing director at BlackRock Financial Management; **Clifford Griep**, chief credit officer at Standard & Poor's; and **Erik Sirri**, director of the SEC's Division of Trading and Markets, will discuss the role of financial gatekeepers in the credit crisis.

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