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**Donaldson, Levitt to Lead Investor Task Force on Reform of U.S. Financial Market Regulation**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – William Donaldson, CFA, and Arthur Levitt Jr., two highly respected former chairs of the Securities and Exchange Commission, will lead the Investors’ Working Group (IWG), a new independent panel that will recommend ways to improve the regulation of the U.S. financial markets. This diverse, non-partisan panel of experts is co-sponsored by the Council of Institutional Investors and the CFA Institute Centre for Financial Market Integrity. It will issue an initial report and recommendations by late spring.

The Investors’ Working Group will ensure that investor views are heard as policymakers and financial market participants debate how to modernize the U.S. system of financial regulation. CFA Institute and the Council of Institutional Investors believe that the ongoing national discussion about regulatory reform has largely ignored investor considerations, focusing instead on containing costs for issuers and dealers in the U.S. capital markets.

“This group has been established to work with policymakers in efforts to restore public confidence by seeing to it that essential regulatory changes will include consideration of the primacy of investor interest,” said Levitt, who chaired the SEC from 1993-2001. “Our group will receive input from the broadest possible base in order to assure investors that transparency and comprehensible investor protections are the metrics by which we judge our markets. Our approach will be inclusive, balanced and pragmatic.”

“Too often, the views of investors get short shrift in discussions about how to modernize our financial regulatory system,” said Donaldson, who led the SEC from 2003-05. “The Investors’ Working Group will serve as a critical sounding board for proposals to improve the framework for financial regulation in the wake of the crippling global credit crisis.”

Representatives from the two sponsoring organizations echoed these remarks.

“Few things are as critical to the competitive position or proper functioning of the U.S. market as restoring investor confidence. The proper regulatory ‘touch’ is fundamental in this regard,” said Kurt Schacht, managing director of the CFA Institute Centre for Financial Market Integrity. “The IWG will work to ensure proper involvement and perspective of investors in a process that will surely represent the most dynamic and significant regulatory reform in modern history.”

“The financial crisis has revealed serious flaws in the current framework of financial regulation,” said Joe Dear, executive director of Washington State Investment Board and chair of the Council of Institutional Investors. “The need for fundamental reform has never been greater. And the Investors’ Working Group will make sure that shareowners have a seat at the table during the debate over how to fix the financial regulatory system.”

Members of the Investors’ Working Group include:

**Co-chairs:**

William H. Donaldson, CFA, Chair, Donaldson Enterprises and former Chair, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

Arthur Levitt Jr., Senior Advisor, The Carlyle Group and former Chair, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

**Members:**

Mark Anson, CFA, President and Executive Director of Investment Services, Nuveen Investments  
Brooksley Born, Retired Partner, Arnold & Porter and former Chair, U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission

Joe Dear, Executive Director, Washington State Investment Board and Chair, Council of Institutional Investors

David Fisher, Chair, The Capital Group International

Harvey J. Goldschmid, Dwight Professor of Law, Columbia Law School and former Commissioner, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

Jeremy Grantham, Co-founder and Chair, GMO, LLC

William R. Hambrecht, Founder, Chair and CEO, WR Hambrecht + Company

John D. Markese, President, American Association of Individual Investors

Bill Miller, CFA, Chair and Chief Investment Officer, Legg Mason Capital Management, Inc.

Ira Millstein, Senior Partner, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP and Senior Associate Dean for Corporate Governance, Yale School of Management

Nell Minow, Editor and Co-founder, The Corporate Library

Peter Montagnon, Chair, International Corporate Governance Network and Director of Investment Affairs, Association of British Insurers

Jane Bryant Quinn, Director and Personal Finance Columnist, Bloomberg LP and Contributing Editor, Newsweek

Barbara Roper, Director of Investor Protection, Consumer Federation of America

Kurt Schacht, Managing Director, CFA Institute Centre for Financial Market Integrity

Ellen Seidman, Senior Fellow, New America Foundation and Executive Vice President, ShoreBank Corporation

David F. Swensen, Chief Investment Officer, Yale University

**About the CFA Institute Centre for Financial Market Integrity**

The [CFA Institute Centre](#) develops timely, practical solutions to global capital market issues, while advancing investors' interests by promoting the highest standards of ethics and professionalism within the investment community worldwide. It builds upon the CFA Institute's 40-year history of standards and advocacy work, especially its *Code of Ethics* and *Standards of Professional Conduct* for the investment profession, which were first established in the 1960s. In 2007, the CFA Institute Centre published [Self-Regulation in Today's Securities Markets: Outdated System or Work in Progress?](#), a report that explored the failure of the current system of self-regulation to keep pace with the dramatic evolution of the global economy.

**About the Council of Institutional Investors**

The Council of Institutional Investors (CII) is a nonprofit association of public, union and corporate pension funds with combined assets that exceed \$3 trillion. Member funds are major long-term shareowners with a duty to protect the retirement assets of millions of American workers. The Council strives to educate its members, policymakers and the public about good corporate governance, shareowner rights and related investment issues, and to advocate on our members' behalf. Corporate governance involves the structure of relationships between shareowners, directors and managers of a company. Good corporate governance is a system of checks and balances that fosters transparency, responsibility, accountability and market integrity.