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A new FEI program for financial executives from mid-tier companies

In 2008 FEI will run a development program in Sydney for up to ten financial executives from mid-tier companies. FEI welcomes enquiries about participating in the program.

The target participant for the program – a senior financial executive of a mid-tier company

“Senior financial executive” is likely to be a chief financial officer or a direct report of the CFO.

“Mid-tier company” is indicatively a company with a turnover within the range \$75-500 million and is:

- a privately-owned or smaller listed company; or
- a partially-owned subsidiary or investment of a larger listed company; or
- a wholly-owned subsidiary of a listed company if it operates substantially independently of the parent; or
- a wholly-owned subsidiary of an overseas company.

The program

The program will extend over the calendar year 2008. Participants will be encouraged to attend the FEI monthly lunches, at which they have development and networking opportunities like other members.

In addition, FEI will provide for the participants:

- **three group sessions** of 1½ - 2 hours;
- the first half an hour of each session will be an address from a distinguished speaker on a specific topic, followed by a group discussion and interaction on the topic over a working meal of sandwiches or light lunch;
- the **first meeting** will be a **lunch session in July 2008**; if the participants want some of the remaining sessions at breakfast time or after work this will be considered; and
- the **venue** for the meetings will be in the **Sydney CBD**. Participants from **Melbourne** or **Brisbane** are welcome if they are able to attend the three group sessions in Sydney.

With the limited number of participants on the program, the sessions will give the opportunity

for round-the-table discussion of issues rather than rely solely on formal speeches.

The topics in the program will include:

1. Dealing with expectations of the CEO, the shareholder(s) and the press;
2. CFO skills and responsibilities in dealing with bankers, investment bankers and brokers;
3. Mergers and acquisitions – lessons learned.

The speakers/program leaders will include:

- **Dieter Adamsas**, Director, Leighton Holdings Limited, who was until recently Leighton's Deputy CEO and CFO;
- **Mike Ihlein**, CEO, Brambles Limited, who was until recently CFO of Brambles and prior to that was CFO of Coca-Cola Amatil;
- **Tim Regan**, Chief Operating Officer of Mirvac Group (and previously Mirvac's CFO).

Fees and further information

The fee for the year's program will be \$600 plus GST, payable upon registration. This covers the cost of the three group sessions and the participant's FEI membership fee for the year (\$150 plus GST). Participants need not be pre-existing members of FEI.

This fee does not include the charges for attending the regular FEI lunch meetings (currently \$45 to \$85, depending upon the venue and nature of the lunch).

For further information please contact either:

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