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## Press Release

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### **Aareal Bank is a premium partner of the European Business School Real Estate Management Institute: Strengthening of Wiesbaden as a Good Location for Business**

#### **Think Tank for International Real-Estate Related Teaching and Research**

Wiesbaden, 13 September 2006 – As a premium partner, Aareal Bank supports the newly founded Real Estate Management Institute (REMI) at ebs, the European Business School. “As a company that plays an active role in international markets in over 25 countries, ensuring that high-level further training and continuing education is available to our employees is a crucial competitive advantage. This is why the Bank has committed itself to promoting real-estate related teaching and research at Wiesbaden for quite some time“, says Dr. Wolf Schumacher, CEO of Aareal Bank AG, about the motivation behind this commitment taken by the real estate bank.

Aareal Bank sees itself as a premium promoter of the new courses in real estate economics at ebs, as the orientation of teaching and research is consistently oriented to the most important developments, both with regard to the market participants and from a financing, investment and banking focus. Moreover, the future educational opportunities correspond to the need for increased international standards.

With employees from 30 nations, Aareal Bank is the ideal partner for REMI. “Professionals must be able to deal with constant structural change in the real estate sector, especially with the challenges from the banking industry and especially from the capital market with regard to property investment and financing. This new institute also represents a science and know-how think tank for Aareal Bank,” according to Dr. Schumacher.

Aareal Bank is following a consistent path of promoting science and research in practice. Thus, Aareal Bank established the Aareal Assistant Professorship of Real Estate Banking at the European Business School in 2005 in close cooperation with the *Stifterverband für die deutsche Wissenschaft*, a foundation to promote science in Germany.

“As a leading international real estate bank we would like to place our unique know-how at the disposal of the European Chairs of Real Estate, their students and potential junior bankers, to encourage an exchange between science and practice,” states Dr. Schumacher.