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**A majority of attendees at Vision 2008 would welcome compulsory regulation of the estate agency industry**

My Home Move held its first Vision conference looking into trends likely to influence the property market on the 10<sup>th</sup> April 2008 at the RBS Williams FI Conference Centre. At the event the delegates – comprising of property market professionals - called for compulsory regulation of the estate agency industry.

The poll was held in a session as part of a speech from Owen Inskip from the Conservative Housing Review Body. He gave a brief overview of the Body and the questions it is posing to the industry and public. There then followed a strong debate about what was important to the industry as a whole. There were calls for more regulation and the suggestion by one delegate that it should be a Government body that heads up the regulation. In addition, there was a call for greater clarity of the buying and selling process for the general public. All the points will be taken and included in the housing review.

The event included a wide range of speakers examining trends in the property industry. In particular, Dennis Turner, chief economist at HSBC Bank, a charismatic speaker, spoke at length about the economic factors affecting the UK at present time. His conclusion was that whilst strong economic factors underpin the UK's economy, the credit crunch was a worry. However, he indicated in his final slide that one of the biggest factors that could unseat the economy was what he termed SARS – Severe Acute Recessionary Syndrome i.e. the ability to talk ourselves into a recession if we want to.

Stephen Hayter, sales and marketing director at My Home Move chaired the event and other guest speakers included Kay Allen, Diverse Advice who talked about how agents can embrace Corporate Social Responsibility and diversity as a market sector; Bob Hay, Streets Ahead talked about his experience of using My Home Move; Bill McClintock, Chairman, Ombudsman for Estate Agents spoke about of the Ombudsman; Pierre Loombard, Suzy Lamplugh Trust talked about personal safety for estate agents; and Kevin Smith, Operations Director, My Home Move gave a speech about the services My Home Move offers.

The delegates were also treated to a tour of the Williams F1 Grand Prix collection hosted by Richard West, Formula One expert, prior to attending a fantastic 3-course charity dinner. After the dinner an auction was held in aid of the Suzy Lamplugh Trust where over 3.5K was raised.

Stephen Hayter, said: "It was a great day. The speakers were informative and I had some very positive feedback from delegates. There were some interesting debates, especially the one instigated by Owen Inskip. Dennis Turner also presented a round-up of the economy in a very easy to understand way and with great humour. I am looking forward to Vision 2009 being even bigger."

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### **Notes to editors**

**Speeches have been included with this release, where available**

### **Accompany pictures are as follows:**

Picture 1: David Bamber from John Brown Estate Agents trying out the Formula 1 simulator

Picture 2: Dennis Turner chief economist HSBC during his speech

Picture 3: From left to right, Natalie Ouerghi - Your Move; Judith Park – Ashfords; Claire Fletcher - Claire Fletcher Training; Laura Thistlethwaite – MyHomeMove; Basel Makansi - Homes About

Picture 4: Left to right, Stephen Hayter My Home Move and Owen Inskip, Conservative Housing Review Body at the front entrance of Vision 2008

Picture 5: Streets Ahead Estate Agents on the F1 tour, including Bob Hay (centre of the picture standing up).

## **Short biographies of speakers**

**Dennis Turner, Chief Economist, HSBC Bank**

A leading expert in the field of economics, Dennis regularly advises lending bankers on market trends at both a national and regional level, as well as across industries.

**Bill McClintock, Chairman, Ombudsman for Estate Agents**

Bill has built up a wealth of knowledge on the inner workings of the estate agency industry.

**Owen Inskip, Conservative Housing Review Body**

Owen is a leading authority on the UK's residential market having sat on numerous committees over 15 years for the housing ministers of both main parties and trade bodies such as the RICS.

**Kay Allen, Diverse Advice**

Kay is recognised as one of the leading diversity and corporate social responsibility specialists in the UK, with over 16 years direct experience in Corporate Accountability.

**Kevin Smith, Operations Director, MyHomeMove**

Kevin has specialised in residential conveyancing for over 20 years, working with a number of leading solicitors and conveyancing practices before becoming one of the directors at MyHomeMove.

**Bob Hay, Streets Ahead**

Bob established Streets Ahead Estate Agents 18 years ago with partner Gary O'Hare and has since grown the company into one of the leading independents in the Croydon, Surrey & South East London area.

**The Suzy Lamplugh Trust**

In 1986 estate agent Suzy Lamplugh, a 25 year old estate agent disappeared after she went to meet an unknown client. So far her body has not been found. However, she has been presumed murdered and legally declared dead. Her parents, Paul and Diana Lamplugh, believed that Suzy, like most people at that time - and even now - was simply unaware of the possible dangers that individuals can face in society. Paul and Diana founded the Trust to highlight the risks people face and to offer advice, action and support to minimise those risks.

**Richard West, keynote speaker**

Richard has held a number of senior commercial positions in Formula One and worked alongside some of the world's greatest drivers including the likes of Damon Hill, Jacques Villeneuve and Michael Schumacher.

## About My Home Move

My Home Move is one of the largest independent providers of conveyancing services in England and Wales. Specialising in the residential sector, the company offers straightforward solutions to conveyancing and re-mortgaging. Its use of advanced technology ensures that the process of moving is managed accurately and at an affordable cost. Above all, the company is dedicated to providing a superior level of service, which is based upon speed and professionalism. For more information visit [www.myhomemove.com](http://www.myhomemove.com)

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