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WAREHOUSE RECEIPTS SYSTEM CONFERENCE

On Wednesday, 28 January 2009 at the Crystal Ballroom of the Hotel Hyatt starting at 10:00, Mr. Saša Dragin, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of the Republic of Serbia will officially open the Warehouse Receipts System Conference.

Conference participants and will also be addressed by Mr. Michael Harvey, USAID Serbia Mission Director and Mr. Gilles Mettetal the EBRD Director for Agribusiness.

The conference will provide an opportunity for relevant representatives of government regulatory institutions, public warehouse operators, financial sector representatives, producers, processors and traders of agricultural goods to become acquainted with the warehouse receipt system to be established in Serbia.

The objectives of this conference are to present relevant international experience in warehouse receipt system development; introduce major structural components needed for the implementation of the system in Serbia; introduce relevant international experience of financial institutions involved in commodity based financing; present Serbia's warehouse receipt legislation; present ongoing related programs and the main features of the future warehouse receipt system in Serbia and provide an overview of available donor support.

This Conference has been jointly organized by the Republic of Serbia Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, EBRD and the USAID Agribusiness Project.

Media is invited to attend.

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