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BELL & SCOTT ANNOUNCE SPEAKER LINE UP FOR ANNUAL HOUSE BUILDING CONFERENCE

27th March 2008 – Edinburgh – Specialist property law firm Bell & Scott has revealed the speaker line up for its ninth annual House building conference. The conference takes place on 4th June 2008 at the Weston Link Conference Centre on The Mound, Edinburgh.

This highly acclaimed annual conference brings together the key players in Scotland's house building industry. Once again, an excellent group of speakers has been assembled who will present and discuss some of the significant issues facing house builders today including eco-villages, sustainability and urban design and regeneration and the ever increasing targets to reduce carbon footprints. This year's speakers are:

Yolande Barnes, Director, Savills Research - accountable for Savills research departments and head of their Land and Mixed Development department.

David Arkell of SmartLIFE an organization which brings together expertise from Cambridgeshire, Hamburg in Germany and Malmö in Sweden to help make new housing affordable and sustainable. SmartLIFE is also working on solutions that promote and contribute to a low carbon economy, helping to mitigate the impact of climate change.

Wayne Hemingway of Hemingway Design is presenting a case study on Stirling Developments visionary Calderwood project. Hemingway is a part of the highly talented project team for this new community which will comprise some 2,800 homes including 200

very low density, affordable new homes which will incorporate places to walk, cycle, shop, socialise, enjoy and participate in as well as a school and transport links.

Barratt Developments PLC were been selected by English Partnerships, the Government's National Regeneration Agency, as the preferred developer to create a new community at the site of the former Hanham Hall Hospital near Bristol. Homes on the site will meet the Government's most exacting eco standard – Level 6 of the Code for Sustainable Homes. **Ben Cook of Barratt**, and **Rory Bergin of HTA Architects**, the designers behind the winning scheme, will share their experiences and expectations for the project.

Chairing the conference is Iain MacDonald, Head of the highly regarded House Building team at Bell & Scott and completing the line up is George Kerevan, Associate Editor of The Scotsman who will chair the Q&A session.

Delegate places can be booked by contacting Briony Carr on 0131 226 6703 or e-mailing events@bellscott.co.uk.

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