

**Government Commission
German Corporate Governance Code**

Administrative Office

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**11th Corporate Governance Conference, 13 and 14 June 2012, Berlin:
Guest speakers: Norbert Lammert, President of the German
Bundestag, and Federal Minister Kristina Schröder**

- Supervisory board members and executive board members will discuss the topic of "Good corporate governance: Trust through transparency and clarity of information."

On 13 and 14 June 2012 the eleventh German Corporate Governance Code Conference will take place in Berlin under the motto "Good corporate governance: Trust through transparency and clarity of information." The Government Commission of the German Corporate Governance Code has invited international and German experts on national and global developments in good corporate governance for discussions with around 150 guests from Germany and abroad.

On the evening of 13 June, the President of the German Bundestag Prof. Dr. Norbert Lammert will speak on the topic of "10 years of the German Corporate Governance Code – Achievements and expectations for good corporate management". In addition, the Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Justice, Dr. Max Stadler, will assess the German corporate governance code as it relates to an increase in transparency.

On the morning of 14 June, Dr. Kristina Schröder, the Federal Minister for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, will speak on "A fair chance for

women in good corporate management: On the importance of transparency and competition" to the conference for supervisory and executive board members of German corporations.

Klaus-Peter Müller, Chairman of the Government Commission on the German Corporate Governance Code will deliver the keynote address on "Good corporate governance: Trust through transparency and clarity of information".

Dr. Margarete Haase, member of the board of management of Deutz AG, and Dr. Hans-Christoph Hirt, Global Head of Corporate Engagement of Hermes Equity Ownership Services Ltd, will speak from the point of view of a financial expert and an investor representative on the question of what is the right amount of transparency and clarity of information for a good decision-making and trust basis.

As part of a podium discussion, the conference will look for an answer to the question of whether a healthy culture of non-conformity is an expression of a developed understanding of good corporate governance. Just this year the Commission added to the preamble of the code that a well-grounded case of non-conformity to a code recommendation could lie in the interest of good corporate management. Discussion participants will include Robert J. Koehler, chairman of the executive board of SGL Group; Ernst Baumann, chairman of the supervisory board of Kronos AG; asset manager Elisabeth Weisenhorn; and Prof. Dr. Peter Forstmoser, a Swiss corporate governance expert and member of various boards of directors.

Dr. Gero Kalt of Prime Research international AG & Co. KG will present a study on the importance of good corporate governance and its impact on the perception of companies.

The full conference programme is available for downloading on the website of the Government Commission on the German Corporate Governance Code (www.corporate-governance-code.de).

Information for editors

Government Commission for the German Corporate Governance Code

The Government Commission on the German Corporate Governance Code, set up by the Federal Minister of Justice in September 2001, approved the German Corporate Governance Code on 26 February 2002, which has acquired a statutory basis via the Declaration of Compliance pursuant to Article 161 of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG).

The aim of the German Corporate Governance Code is to make Germany's corporate governance rules transparent for both national and international investors, thus strengthening confidence in the management of German corporations.

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