



PRESS RELEASE

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AXA AWARD FOR CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY 2006

The AXA Group introduces the **AXA Award for Corporate Social Responsibility** as one of the **European Business Awards 2006**. This event aggregating eight big European companies aims at rewarding the most performant European businesses in the areas of growth and innovation.

AXA's engagement is actually the continuation of the National Business Awards priorly initiated in England. AXA has decided to sponsor this new award in order to reinforce its implication as a responsible corporation by highlighting corporate social responsibility best practices.

Claire Dorland-Clauzel, vice-president of Brand, Communications and Sustainable Development at AXA Group explains AXA's purpose through the creation of this award: *"Risk prevention is at the heart of financial protection which is our business. We expect the AXA Award for Corporate Sustainability to be a means to support corporations which demonstrate strong involvement in managing social, environmental and governance risk prevention."*

The European Business Awards are co-sponsored by the Wall Street Journal Europe and count amongst the members of their strategic council a number of important personalities such as Ged Davis of the World Economic Forum, David Midgley of the INSEAD, Wim Kok (former Dutch prime minister) from the ING Group and Ulrich Steger, professor at IMD.

Calendar :

- applications: until July 31st 2006
- Nominee announcement: November 14th 2006
- Presentation of their projects by the nominees: November 27th to December 4th 2006
- Award distribution ceremony: January 31st 2007

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For any further information please refer to the European Business Awards web site: <http://www.businessawardseurope.com>

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