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**CHRISTIE'S INTERNATIONAL APPOINTS NICK DEEMING
AS GROUP GENERAL COUNSEL**

New York/London – Christie's International, the world's leading art business, announced today the appointment of Nick Deeming as Group General Counsel. In this role, Mr. Deeming will be responsible for managing the Group's legal and compliance functions worldwide and serve as a member of the Group Management Board providing key strategic input, as well as developing new business opportunities. Mr. Deeming will be based in London and report to CEO Edward Dolman.

Mr. Dolman stated: "I am delighted to welcome Nick to Christie's. He is an experienced international leader with a sharp legal mind. In his more than twenty year career in legal affairs and compliance he has added both commercial and strategic value to the companies in which he has worked. He is results-orientated and enjoys managing teams of people to inspire them to achieve objectives and solve complex business problems. His significant experience in complex transactions, contracts and M&A activities with large multinationals and in emerging markets will serve Christie's well as we execute on our growth strategy."

In June the respected trade publication LegalWeek commented: "Deeming is one of the UK's best-known in-house lawyers." He was also featured in The Lawyer's 'Hot 100' 2007, an annual survey of top lawyers across the profession in the UK who "are making things happen in the legal world."

Mr. Deeming lectured and tutored on solicitors' professional qualifying examinations at Guildhall University, London and has since worked within the oil and gas, financial services, IT and medical insurance sectors. He joined the BOC Group as Group Legal Director and Company Secretary in 2001 and when BOC was acquired by Linde AG in 2006, he was appointed Group Legal Director of the enlarged group and made a member of Linde AG Executive Management Committee. He also led the integration of group-wide Legal Services team of more than 100 members.

From 1999 to 2001 Mr. Deeming was Chief Legal Counsel and Company Secretary for Sema Group Plc, the Anglo-French IT services firm. Previously he was Group Legal Director and Company Secretary for insurer PPP Healthcare Group Plc since 1990. From 1986 to 1990 he was Group Legal Adviser and Company Secretary for the financial services group Target Group Plc. He was also a Legal Advisor to Burmah Oil Exploration Ltd from 1983 to 1986 and a lecturer at Guildhall University from 1981 to 1983.

Mr. Deeming earned an Executive M.B.A degree from Cranford University and a Law Degree from Guildhall University.

About Christie's

Christie's is the world's leading art business with global auction sales in 2006 that totalled £2.51 billion / \$4.67 billion. Worldwide sales for the first half of 2007 totalled £1.63 billion / \$3.25 billion, an increase of 32% by £ and 45% by \$ from the same period last year and highest half year sales ever in art market history. Christie's is a name and place that speaks of extraordinary art, unparalleled service, and international glamour. Founded in 1766 by James Christie, Christie's conducted the greatest auctions of the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries, and today remains a popular showcase for the unique and the beautiful. Christie's offers over 600 sales annually in over 80 categories, including all areas of fine and decorative arts, jewellery, photographs, collectibles, wine and more. Prices range from \$200 to over \$80 million. Christie's has 85 offices in 43 countries and 14 salerooms around the world including London, New York, Los Angeles, Paris, Geneva, Milan, Amsterdam, Tel Aviv, Dubai and Hong Kong. Most recently, Christie's has led the market with expanded initiatives in emerging markets such as China, India and the United Arab Emirates, with successful sales and exhibitions in Beijing, Dubai, Mumbai and Russia. Christie's also offers its clients worldwide access to its sales through Christie's LIVE™, its unique, real-time online bidding service.

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