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Diary of Aust finance events Sun October 25 to Sat October 31

FINANCE DIARY OF AUSTRALIAN FINANCE: Sunday October 25 to Saturday October 31, 2009.

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SUNDAY, October 25

No items listed

MONDAY, October 26

Sydney - Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) producer price index data for September quarter

Sydney - Housing Industry Association new home sales data for September

Sydney - Boeing Commercial Airplanes current market outlook

Sydney - 4th Annual Occupational Health & Wellbeing Conference day 1 of 2)

Melbourne - Vision Group Ltd annual general meeting

Brisbane - Cardno Ltd annual general meeting

Brisbane - Queensland Power & Gas 2009 conference (day 1 of 4)

Brisbane - Native Title and Cultural Heritage 2009 conference (day 1 of 2)

Gold Coast, Qld - Carbon Market Expo Australasia (day 1 of 3)

Bendigo, Vic - Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Ltd annual general meeting

TUESDAY, October 27

Sydney - Hong Kong-Gudangdong Business Conference

Sydney - Hastie Group Ltd annual general meeting

Sydney - 4th Annual Occupational Health & Wellbeing Conference day 2 of 2)

Melbourne - Traffic Technologies Ltd annual general meeting

Melbourne - Transurban Group annual general meeting

Melbourne - AusBioTech conference (day 1 of 4)

Brisbane - Queensland Power & Gas 2009 conference (day 2 of 4)

Brisbane - Native Title and Cultural Heritage 2009 conference (day 2 of 2)

Gold Coast, Qld - Billabong International Ltd annual general meeting

Gold Coast, Qld - Carbon Market Expo Australasia (day 2 of 3)

WEDNESDAY, October 28

Canberra - Federal Department of Employment and Workplace Relations vacancy report

Sydney - Reserve Bank of Australia assistant governor, financial, Malcolm Edey addresses FINSIA Financial Services Conference 2009

Sydney - ABS consumer price index data for September quarter

Sydney - National Australia Bank Ltd annual results

Sydney - Macquarie Media Group annual general meeting

Sydney - Boral Ltd annual general meeting

Sydney - Noni B Ltd annual general meeting

Sydney - itX Group Ltd annual general meeting

Melbourne - Consolidated Media Holdings Ltd annual general meeting

Melbourne - Crown Ltd annual general meeting

Melbourne - Country Road Ltd annual general meeting

Brisbane - Suncorp-Metway Ltd annual general meeting

Brisbane - Mining 2009 conference (day 1 of 3)

Brisbane - Queensland Power & Gas 2009 conference (day 3 of 4)

Brisbane - ASX Free Event on Getting Started with ASX Listed CFDs

Brisbane - ASX Free Warrants Workshop on "Investment and Diversification strategies for portfolios"

Perth - Clough Ltd annual general meeting

Adelaide - Envestra Ltd annual general meeting

Gold Coast, Qld - Carbon Market Expo Australasia (day 3 of 3)

Newcastle, NSW - NIB Holdings Ltd annual general meeting

Warranambool, Vic - Warranambool Cheese & Butter Factory Co Holdings Ltd annual general meeting

THURSDAY, October 29

Canberra- Australian Bureau of Statistics 2008/09 annual report

Sydney - ANZ Banking Group Ltd annual results

Sydney - BT Investment Management Ltd annual results

Sydney - AGL Energy Ltd annual general meeting

Sydney - Macquarie Telecom Group Ltd annual report

Sydney - Sunshine Heart Inc annual general meeting

Sydney - Valad Property Group annual general meeting

Sydney - Housing Industry Association/RP Data Residential Land Report for the June quarter

Melbourne - Newcrest Mining Ltd annual general meeting

Melbourne - Transurban Group annual general meeting

Melbourne - Select Harvests Ltd annual general meeting

Melbourne - Austock Group Ltd annual general meeting

Melbourne - Lend Lease Corp Ltd chief executive and managing director Steve McCann addresses The American Chamber of Commerce in Australia "What do our cities of the future look like - The Regeneration Challenge"

Brisbane - Lihir Gold Ltd Q3 production report

Brisbane - Flight Centre Ltd annual general meeting

Brisbane - Wilson HTM Investment Group Ltd annual general meeting

Brisbane - Mining 2009 conference (day 2 of 3)

Brisbane - Queensland Power & Gas 2009 conference (day 4 of 4)

Brisbane - ASX/Morningstar Free Event on Listed Property: Directions for 2010

Adelaide - Penrice Soda Holdings Ltd annual general meeting

London - BHP Billiton Ltd annual general meeting

FRIDAY, October 30

Sydney - Reserve Bank of Australia financial aggregates data for September

Sydney - Insurance Australia Group Ltd market update

Sydney - Macquarie Group Ltd first half results

Sydney - Macquarie Airports Q3 core portfolio results

Sydney - Origin Energy Ltd Q2 production, annual general meeting

Melbourne - Healthscope Ltd annual general meeting

Melbourne - GasNet Australia Group annual general meeting

Brisbane - Tatts Group Ltd annual general meeting

Brisbane - Mining 2009 conference (day 3 of 3)

SATURDAY, October 31

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AusBiotech conference presents speaker on GM crops

12:05 pm

AusBiotech conference presents speaker on GM crops, which are crucial in achieving global food sustainability

Thursday 22 October 2009 - The benefits of genetically improved crops on global food sustainability are compelling according to Dr Harvey Glick, Senior Director of Scientific Affairs - Asia at Monsanto Company, citing the growing need to increase the world's food production. Dr Glick is calling for further investment to meet global needs of a growing population, with the sustainable food production that biotechnology and genetic modification can provide.

The Federal Government recently warned that the world will have to produce 70 per cent more food by the year 2050, with the population expected to boom to 9.1 billion – and said the path of scientific research would be the only way of meeting the world's demands.

This is a sentiment shared by policy makers and leaders around the world, including Hilary Clinton and US billionaire Bill Gates, who has committed the support of The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to biotechnology that will assist food production. Last week the Foundation announced nine new grants worth a total of US \$120m aimed at raising yields with genetic modification and farming expertise in the developing world. Additionally a study from the British Royal Society recommends GM crops should be grown in Britain to alleviate food shortages in the country.

Dr Glick will be presenting his views on the benefits of genetically modified (GM) crops at the AusBiotech 2009 conference in Melbourne, Australia next week as part of the Food Security and AgBio session on Wednesday 28 October at 2.00pm.

"Global food shortages, a decrease in suitable land for agriculture, climate change and water shortages are some of the most worrying problems listed by UNEP (United Nations Environment Programme). With the world consuming more grain than it produced in seven of the last eight years, increasing crop yields is an important global issue that cannot be ignored," said Dr Glick.

He added that modern agricultural biotechnology has improved the way farmers grow corn, soybean, cotton and canola crops; and significant advances in genetically modified crops that are developed with pest and weed resistance, have already seen an improvement in crop yields.

"If we are to keep pace with the booming population modern plant biotechnology innovations such as water efficiency and drought tolerant plants need to be developed through well funded public and private research programs. Sustainable food production is a major challenge faced by every food-producing country in the world and there is a global need to ensure farmers have the necessary innovations to feed an ever growing population," said Dr Glick.

Dr Harvey Glick has been actively involved in agriculture for over 30 years and has worked with Monsanto for the past 20 years. He is currently the Director of Scientific Affairs for Asia and is directly involved in bringing the next generation of plant biotechnology products to farmers around the world.

"Food sustainability has become an important global issue especially in the face of climate change, and one that is emerging on national agenda's around the world," said Dr Anna Lavelle, CEO of AusBiotech.

The Food Security and AgBio session at AusBiotech 2009 will explore various aspects on how biotechnology can contribute to food security in Australia and abroad, a highly contentious yet vital area of debate. Dr Glick will be joined at the conference session by Dr Ganesh Kishore, CEO of Malaysian Life Sciences Capital Fund, Burrill and Company/Malaysian Technology Development Corporation who will also address the use of new biotechnology solutions in agriculture to improve productivity and sustainability.

AusBiotech 2009 will be held from Wednesday 28 October – Friday 30 October. For additional event information visit the conference website at: <http://www.ausbiotech2009.com.au/>

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