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CCLA sponsors second National Ethical Investment Week

19 March 2009: Leading charity fund manager CCLA has announced that it is to sponsor National Ethical Investment Week 2009 which will run from 8-14 November. The initiative is organised and co-ordinated by UKSIF, the sustainable investment and finance association.

This coincides with the launch of a new website at www.neiw.org which aims to help financial advisers, charities and financial services organisations who want to get involved in NEIW 2009.

The second National Ethical Investment Week will build on the strength of last year's week, which saw over 100 organisations, including financial services firms, financial advisers and charities voice their support for green and ethical investment.

Says CCLA Chief Executive, Michael Quicke: "As pioneers of ethical and responsible investment ourselves, we wholeheartedly support initiatives that help consumers, charities and other organisations to reflect their values in their investments and rise to the sustainability challenge. This is why CCLA is supporting National Ethical Investment Week 2009."

Sponsoring National Ethical Investment Week is part of an ongoing commitment by CCLA to engage in activities that promote ethical and responsible investment. CCLA is also actively involved in the Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change, the Carbon Disclosure Project and has signed up to the UN's Principles for Responsible

Investment. It is also committed to a programme of corporate engagement on behalf of its clients to improve corporate track records in areas including corporate governance and the environment.

Says Penny Shepherd UKSIF Chief Executive: “Leading fund managers are backing the second National Ethical Investment Week 2009. They recognise that increasingly individuals and charities want both to make money and to make a positive difference. Evidence is growing that green and ethical investments are holding up well despite the downturn so we are looking forward to a successful second year.”

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About National Ethical Investment Week

National Ethical Investment Week (NEIW) is a campaign that brings together financial advisers, charities and trusts, financial organisations, faith groups, NGOs and community groups to ensure that everyone knows that they have green and ethical options when it comes to their investment decisions. AIFA will also be a partner of NEIW 2009. More information is available at www.neiw.org.

About CCLA

CCLA is the leading manager of UK charity investments by assets under management or number of clients*. We offer segregated and pooled funds, and our deposit fund delivers consistently competitive interest rates, easy access and the comfort of the highest money market credit ratings. CCLA is entirely owned by its not-for-profit sector clients and is authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority. For further information visit www.ccla.co.uk

About UKSIF

UKSIF, the sustainable investment and finance association, promotes responsible investment and other forms of finance that support sustainable economic development, enhance quality of life and safeguard the environment. It also seeks to ensure that individual and institutional investors can reflect their values in their investments. Its more than 200 members include financial advisers, asset managers, charities, banks, research providers, pension funds, and other non-governmental organisations. For more information, visit www.uksif.org.

*Charity Finance Annual Fund Management Survey 2008