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***IFB PROPERTY CONFERENCE TO FOCUS ON 'SHOVEL READY' UK INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES***

The International Festival of Business (IFB) is returning to Liverpool this year, attracting business owners, investors and entrepreneurs from over 90 countries. At the heart of the biennale event will be an international property conference, hosted by UK Property Forums. Its aim is to highlight 'shovel ready' investment opportunities in the UK as well as provide opportunity for networking and debate.

The 2016 property conference will take place on the 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> June and is partnered with RIO (Regeneration Investment Organisation), the British Property Federation, MIPIM UK, Estates Gazette, the CBI and Peel Group. It plans to be even bigger, better and to attract more international delegates than before. For the first time, the IFB will also be held in the recently opened Exhibition Centre in Liverpool, bringing all events under one roof.

Confirmed speakers include: Juliette Morgan, Head of Property at Tech City UK; Paul Brundage, Executive Vice President and Senior Managing Director for Europe at Oxford Properties; Sir Howard Bernstein, Chief Executive of Manchester City Council; Sir Michael Bear, Chairman of RIO, UKTI; and Melanie Leech, Chief Executive of the British Property Forum.



Matthew Battle of UK Property Forums comments, “2014’s event highlighted specific schemes such as Liverpool Waters and Media City and explored the role of leadership, transport, central government intervention, transport and digital connectivity in driving regional economic growth. This year the event will showcase specific investment opportunities from across the UK to an international audience. We will benefit enormously from being within one venue and will announce further sponsors and speakers over the coming weeks.”

Sir Michael Bear, Chairman of Regeneration Investment Organisation (RIO), UKTI adds, “RIO acts to help foreign investors and FDI navigate to good regeneration projects and partners around the UK, creating balanced growth and jobs. Sitting at the centre of Government, RIO is well placed to act as honest broker in unblocking obstacles and releasing the potential of important regeneration opportunities. Events such as the IFB are vital to showcase key projects to international investors.”

The event is spread over two days and will include keynote speakers, an exhibition and dinner.

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