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## MEA Annual General Conference – Maximising the Potential of the Labour Market

The Malta Employers' Association shall be holding its Annual General Conference at the Mediterranean Conference Centre, Valletta on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2006. The main focus of the conference shall be 'Maximising the Potential of the Maltese Labour Market'.

Mr Pierre Fava, MEA President shall be making the opening address and will be followed by the Hon Dr Louis Galea, Minister of Education, Youth and Employment.

Mr Joseph Farrugia, Director General of the MEA said that 'We believe that an important element of achieving this goal is to learn from the experience of other countries in designing and implementing labour market policies that contribute towards higher productivity and participation levels of the labour force'. Mr Farrugia shall be addressing the conference.

A short clip on the Danish Flexicurity model will be showed. This will be followed by a presentation by Mr Henrik Schilder – Vice President Social Affairs Committee, Danish CEEP Section who accepted to address the conference.

Other speakers for the conference shall include Mr Frank Edwards, Principal and Chief Executive (MCAST), and Mr Keith Psaila, Head of Secretariat for Small Business and the Self Employed (Ministry for Competitiveness and Communication).

The conference shall be concluded by the Prime Minister who shall be delivering the closing address.

This conference is being sponsored by Air Malta plc, Atlas Insurance Ltd, Chemimart Group of Companies, Dedicated Micros (M) Ltd, Estetika Group of Companies and Simonds Farsons Cisk plc.