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Society for Viipuri School of Economics

Viipuri Prizegiving Ceremony on 7 September 2006 at the Lappeenranta University of Technology

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Vicechair of the Society for Viipuri School of Economics

Honorable Professor Peter J. Buckley

Ladies and Gentlemen

On behalf of the Society for Viipuri School of Economics I have a great pleasure to award You Professor Buckley the 3rd Viipuri Prize in Strategic Management and Business Economics.

This Prize was founded by the Society in 2002 in order to promote the international activities of the Department of Business Administration of the University.

The aim of the Society that was established 1919 in Viipuri (English Vyborg) was to raise funds for founding a school of economics in Viipuri, who that time was the second biggest city in Finland. Early 1950ies the Society had to face the fact, that after the two wars against the Soviet Union Viipuri no longer was part of Finland..

Nevertheless the funds of the Society were retained and even increased after the wars. Establishing an University with high level economic education in Lappeenranta, as close to Viipuri as possible, was found as a solution quite consistent with Societys original aim.

With this Prize we want to symbolize the international nature of that time Viipuri and emphasize the importance of the foreign relations to both the City of Lappeenranta and the University and especially its Department of Business Administration.

We are especially interested in the series of the prizerelated Viipuri-lectures and also in the hopefully good cooperation between the two outstanding Universities of Leeds and Lappeenranta.

Professor Buckley,

I cordially invite You to receive the Viipuri Prize in Strategic Management and Business Economics.

