

Lusaka, June 10, 2009, ZANIS--- Dow Jones and Lubuto Library Project has announced that it will this year hold the Special Libraries Association (SLA) international reception at the Zambian Embassy in United States of America on June 15.

The reception which has been sponsored by Dow Jones & Co. will take place during the SLA annual conference at the Walter E. Convention Centre in Washington DC from June 14-17 this month.

This is contained in a press statement released to ZANIS in Lusaka signed by First Secretary for Press at the Zambian Embassy in United States of America, Ben Kangwa.

Mr. Kangwa said Zambian's Ambassador to the US Dr. Inonge Mbikusita-Lewanika welcomed the decision to host the SLA's centennial international reception at the Zambian embassy as it is in recognition of the SLA global support in launching the Lubuto Library Project in Zambia.

The Lubuto Library Project is an initiative supported by Dow Jones and other partners and also includes local governments to provide library services and literacy skills to the people.

The project is targeted at uplifting educational opportunities for vulnerable children like street children, orphans and out of school children in sub-Saharan African.

Meanwhile, Dow Jones Executive Director of Learning and Information Professional Programme, Anne Caputo said the organization will continue supporting the Lubuto Library Projects as it tries to bring literacy and hope to Africa's vulnerable children.

Ms. Caputo, who is also SLA President, said the initiative also supports African children in developing their talent, skills and self esteem and connects them to American and European students' volunteers through community service.

"Dow Jones has not only provided critical financial and volunteer support to the Lubuto Library Projects, but they have also played a major role in mobilizing other SLA members to back our efforts" she said.

Both Ambassador Mbikusita-Lewanika and Dow Jones Executive Vice President Clare Hart serve on the Lubuto Advisory Board.