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SPC ANNOUNCES GUEST SPEAKERS FOR ANNUAL DINNER

- *Shadow Pensions Minister, Nigel Waterson MP to address industry gathering*
 - *The Sun Business Editor, Ian King, to offer views on industry*

The Society of Pension Consultants (SPC) is delighted to announce the two principal speakers who will address the annual dinner on 30 October 2008.

Shadow Pensions Minister, Nigel Waterson MP, and The Sun's Business Editor, Ian King, will be addressing the eighteenth annual dinner of the SPC, taking place at The Dorchester Hotel on Park Lane.

The annual dinner is the highlight of the SPC's event calendar. It brings together more than three hundred professionals from across the country and is the 'not to be missed' event of the year.

The SPC is currently actively seeking to further dialogue between the pensions industry and political audiences, in particular around the implementation of personal accounts, the move from DB to DC and the developing pensions buyout market. The SPC has been in dialogue with Nigel Waterson for some time and the organisation is continuing to express the views of members to a wide number of politicians.

Ian King has been the Business Editor at The Sun newspaper since 2000 and has recently been appointed as the Deputy Business Editor at The Times newspaper. King said, "Pensions issues are increasingly important and the work of the SPC likewise, as pensions move to the centre of today's news, business and political agendas. I am delighted to have the opportunity to address this key industry event and believe it is an extremely important forum for individuals across the pensions industry to discuss many current issues we face, and add their voices to the debate."

Duncan Howorth, SPC President, said: "Our annual dinner this year promises to be one of our best. Anybody who has attended this event in the past knows how beneficial it can be – both as a chance to address industry issues and as a valuable networking opportunity - and, most importantly, what an enjoyable occasion it is. We are looking forward to



welcoming our members and their guests on 30 October and we are delighted that Nigel Waterson and Ian King have agreed to address the gathering.”

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