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The American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI) is pleased to be associated with this new edition of *The Americas Restructuring and Insolvency Guide*. The timeliness, scope and quality of the content make it an excellent resource for our members, and for anyone interested in learning more about corporate restructuring in the Americas.

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