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# **Mr. Robert Trenberth AM, appointed Chairman of the Trans Tasman Commercialisation Fund (TTCF)**

## **For Public Release:**

**31 August 2010: The Trans Tasman Commercialisation Fund (TTCF)** today announced the appointment of Mr. Robert Trenberth AM as Non-executive Chairman of the Trustee of Trans Tasman Commercialisation Fund (TTCF).

Mr. Trenberth is an experienced non-executive director serving on commercial and not-for-profit boards. Mr. Trenberth is a Director of the Florey Neuroscience Institute and a member of the Bionic Ear Institute Commercialisation Committee. He is also a Director of the Cooperative Research Centre for Polymers Ltd and a number of other commercial Boards. Mr. Trenberth served previously as Deputy Secretary of DIST and as Chief Executive Officer of AusIndustry where he had a leading role in the formation of this organisation.

“Mr. Trenberth is a champion of successful investment in research excellence. He shares TTCF’s desire to match well considered seed and early stage investments with outstanding ideas that lead to the tangible outcomes” stated Dr. Andrew O’Brien, Senior Investment Manager of Trans Tasman Funds Management, the fund management company of the TTCF.

“Robert has strong commercial skills and is recognised as one of Australia’s leading businessmen in the technology sector”.

The TTCF Trustee Board was chaired in an acting role by Ms. Winsome Hall, Chairman of Zurich Australian Superannuation Pty Ltd and Chairman ARIA Audit and Risk Management Committee.

Ms. Hall said that “The members of the TTCF Board are pleased to welcome Mr. Trenberth as Chair and are excited by the knowledge, experience and ability that he brings to TTCF with his appointment”.

“I am sure that all of TTCF’s stakeholders join me and the rest of the Board in warmly welcoming Mr. Trenberth as Chairman,” Ms. Hall said.

“The TTCF fills an important niche in the development of commercial opportunities, helping to transform research into new businesses and industries. I look forward to working with the TTCF to ensure the profitable transition of these Australasian innovations from the laboratory to the commercial world” said Mr. Trenberth.

## **About the Trans Tasman Commercialisation Fund (TTCF)**

The TTCF is an open end fund, with A\$30million under management, that can invest up to A\$1million per project. The fund is a result of the collaboration between leading Universities: Monash University (Victoria), The University of Adelaide, Flinders University, The University of South Australia (South Australia) and The University of Auckland (New Zealand), respective State and Federal governments and Westscheme, Western Australia's largest non-government Superannuation Fund. TTCF works closely with the collaborating universities' technology transfer offices to develop and assess the commercial application of technologies as "seed" investment opportunities. The technology can be in any sector, including but not limited to life sciences, information and communications technology, and engineering/cleantech.

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