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ACIF PUBLISHES REVISED CUSTOMER CABLING STANDARDS

*Cablers and manufacturers to benefit from more straightforward,
comprehensive rules*

Sydney, 12 April 2006 – The Australian Communications Industry Forum (ACIF) today announced it had published two revised standards on customer cabling. Because of their broad impact on the cabling industry, the standards are ACIF's most referenced documents.

The standards assist equipment suppliers and installers of cabling products in overcoming technical issues, as well as specifying the correct installation and repair of cabling and cabling products.

The first standard, *Requirements for customer cabling products*, has been updated to meet the cabling regulatory arrangements in Australia. The standard has been revised to include advances in cabling technology and products that are connected to a carrier's network. It is mainly of interest to manufacturers and importers of cabling products, as well as cabling providers.

The second standard, *Installation requirements for customer cabling (Wiring Rules)* has great importance for cabling providers because they must comply with it as a requirement of the Cabling Provider Rules (CPRs). There are an estimated 55,000 cablers in Australia.

The standard, generally known as "the wiring rules", defines the technical requirements for the installation or repair of customer cabling and customer equipment that is connected, or intended to be connected, to a telecommunications network.

The wiring rules also cover design and construction practices sufficient to ensure that the installation of cabling does not expose carrier personnel, cabling providers, customers or anyone else to danger. The rules accommodate industries that were previously excluded, such as those in the fire protection, security and building management sectors.

According to ACIF chief executive officer, Anne Hurley, the standards provide relevant parties with the tools to ensure cabling safety and compliance.

"ACIF has always strived to ensure that its standards are comprehensive, comprehensible and up-to-date. By revising these standards, ACIF is providing



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cablers and manufacturers with the most up-to-date information they need to carry out their work,” Ms Hurley said.

Interested parties can download the published standards from the ACIF website (www.acif.org.au).

The documents will be sent to the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) for the official making of the standards, which will then be enforceable.

About ACIF

ACIF is a member-funded organisation established in 1997 to lead industry involvement in defining the communications environment.

ACIF provides a neutral forum in which all participants and end-users in the Australian communications industry can work together to foster an efficient, competitive environment.

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