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### **COMMUNICATIONS ALLIANCE ELECTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS First elected board following ACIF/SPAN merger**

**Sydney, 20 November 2006** – Communications Alliance now has its first elected board of directors.

The new board replaces the transitional board which came into effect following the merger of the Australian Communications Industry Forum (ACIF) and the Service Providers Association Inc (SPAN) on September 1. The transitional board consisted of the existing directors of both organisations.

Four new directors and 13 existing directors will sit on the new board following the postal ballot of Communications Alliance members which closed at 5pm last Friday.

The new directors are Ilkka Tales, CEO of engin; David Gee, Marketing Director of Lucent; Chris Althaus, CEO of Australian Mobile Telecommunications Association (AMTA); and Robyn Ziino, Regulatory Manager of AAPT. Ms Ziino replaces the previous AAPT board member, David Havyatt.

The remaining directors are: Warwick Broxom, Telstra; Brian Currie, Hutchison Telecom; Rob Durie, AllA; Raj Jayawardena, PowerTel; Maha Krishnapillai, Macquarie Telecom; Phil Lipschitz, Commander/RSL Com; Tony Malligeorgos, Ericsson; Dennis Muscat, Pacific Internet Australia; Roger Nicoll, Primus Telecom; Noel Robertson, MatrixView; Georgia-Kate Schubert, Vodafone; Rosemary Sinclair, ATUG; Gary Smith, Optus.

The new board will hold its first meeting on December 1.

#### **About Communications Alliance**

Communications Alliance was formed in 2006 to provide a unified voice for the Australian communications industry and to lead it into the next generation of converging networks, technologies and services.

Although Communications Alliance has its genesis in the merger of the Australian Communications Industry Forum (ACIF) and the Service Providers Association Inc (SPAN), it is a new organisation created specifically to drive the industry into the future with confidence, vitality and strength of purpose.



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In pursuing its goals, Communications Alliance offers a forum for the industry to make coherent and constructive contributions to policy development and debate.

By providing leadership on new trends and directions, Communications Alliance fulfils a vital unifying role on behalf of the industry and its members, particularly in areas of competition, innovation and industry development.

The prime mission of Communications Alliance is to promote the growth of the Australian communications industry and the protection of consumer interests by fostering the highest standards of business ethics and behaviour through industry self-governance.

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