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COMMUNICATIONS ALLIANCE SELECTS CHAIRMAN Neville Stevens takes another industry leadership role

Sydney, 4 December 2006 – The newly elected board of Communications Alliance has chosen Neville Stevens as its independent non-executive Chairman.

Mr Stevens was Chairman of the Australian Communications Industry Forum (ACIF) when it joined with the Service Providers Association Inc (SPAN) to form Communications Alliance on September 1 this year. He has since occupied the position of Co-chairman of the transitional Communications Alliance board with former SPAN Executive Chairman John Kranenburg.

During the past two decades Mr Stevens has had a major involvement in all Australian Government industry, telecommunications, broadcasting and information economy issues from both a domestic and international perspective. This included five years as Deputy Secretary, Department of Industry, Technology and Commerce, three years as Secretary, Department of Industry, Technology and Regional Development and eight years as Secretary, Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

Since resigning from the Public Service in April 2001, he has undertaken a range of assignments for public and private sector organisations. He is currently Chairman of the Australian Centre for Advanced Computing and Communications (Ac3), and National ICT Australia (NICTA) as well as a member of the Advisory Board for the Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence in Complex Systems.

Mr Stevens was awarded the Charles Todd Medal (Communicator of the Year) at the 2006 Australian Telecommunications Users Group (ATUG) Conference. ATUG's highest award is given to the person whom it considers has made the most significant contribution in terms of promoting telecommunications as an essential element in national industry growth, the enabling of healthy competition and raising awareness of end users of the value of world's best practice telecommunications.

Mr Stevens said he was looking forward to being at the helm of the first elected Communications Alliance board as it charted the future direction of the new industry body.



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“We have a group of extremely capable directors on the new board and I have no doubt that we will be able to make a valuable contribution to planning the growth of our industry,” Mr Stevens said.

“I would also like to thank John Kranenburg for the tremendous effort he put into ensuring the success of the merger of our two organisations.”

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.

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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