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AEG OGDEN ANNOUNCES 6 SENIOR EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

Leading venue manager, AEG Ogden today announced six senior executive appointments within a number of its venues throughout Australia.

Chairman and CEO, Harvey Lister said he was proud that all appointments not only had extensive experience in the venue and entertainment industries but were long-term members of the AEG Ogden family and understood the company's philosophies and objectives.

"We believe very strongly in creating career paths and opportunities within the company for our people, now numbering 1,100 full-time and 15,500 casual staff. Today's announcement is proof of its success," he said.

The appointments are:

International Convention Centre Sydney

Experienced venue industry executive, **Steve Hevern**, who relocated to Western Australia last year and oversaw the successful opening of the new Perth Arena as its Interim General Manager, will move back to Sydney at the end of next month.

Mr. Hevern will take on a senior role preparing for the new International Convention Centre Sydney at Darling Harbour, working closely with and AEG Ogden's Director of Convention Centres and ICC Sydney CEO, Geoff Donaghy, and AEG Ogden's Director of Design, John Kleindienst.

In addition and subject of the finalization of contractual arrangements, AEG Ogden will assume responsibility for the operation of the Sydney Entertainment Centre from December 9 this year. Mr. Hevern will also assume the role of General Manager at the SEC upon his return to Sydney.

The Directors of AEG Ogden, Mr. Lister and Mr. Rod Pilbeam, together with the Director of Arenas, Tim Worton, expressed their appreciation of the fantastic Perth Arena opening results achieved under Mr. Hevern's leadership.

"But now Steve will step up to an even more challenging role at the SEC where he commenced his career in the entertainment industry 23 years ago," Mr. Lister said.

Perth Arena

Michael Scott has today been announced as the new General Manager of Perth Arena.

Mr. Scott first commenced with AEG Ogden 12 years ago when the company successfully brought the catering operations in-house for the Perth Theatre Trust venues.

Mr. Scott later oversaw catering operations at Subiaco and Members Equity Stadiums and major events such as the Leeuwin Corporate Concerts and PGA golf tournaments. In those roles, Mr. Scott managed large teams in the areas of catering, security and cleaning at some of Western Australia's biggest events.

He returned to AEG Ogden last year in the role of Catering Manager at Perth Arena.

“Mr. Scott is a proven performer in our industry and a proud Western Australian. We have entrusted this role to him in recognition of his overall management talent and skills,” Mr. Lister said.

Mr. Scott will spend the next six weeks working with the Interim General Manager, Mr. Hevern, and then with Mr. Worton expanding business at Perth Arena.

Sydney

As a result of the huge growth AEG Ogden is experiencing at present, **John Kleindienst**, Group Director of Design, with nearly 30 years experience in the company, is relocating from the Brisbane Head Office to Sydney.

Mr. Kleindienst will provide operator input into the design of the \$1.3 billion ICC Sydney project, due to commence construction in December 2013 and completed in December 2016.

He will continue to oversee design and operator input for all AEG Ogden projects in Australia and internationally. To support him, AEG Ogden will soon be seeking an experienced operational design professional for the company’s international projects.

Phillip Corr, currently AEG Ogden’s Director of Special Projects in the Middle East, based at the Qatar National Convention Centre in Doha, will return to Australia in July and from August will assume two roles – Business Manager for the pre-opening phase of ICC Sydney and the Financial Controller at the Sydney Entertainment Centre from December this year.

Mr. Corr has had a long career in the entertainment industry including roles at Village Roadshow and later with Edgley International as Group Business Manager and served as a Director of the SEC as Mr. Edgley’s representative during its time as Australia’s premier concert venue.

Brisbane

Peter Loxton has been confirmed in the role of Group Business Development Manager, based at AEG Ogden’s Head Office in Brisbane.

Last year, AEG Ogden formed a joint venture, Australian Pavilion Services, with Mr Loxton to provide management services for the Australian Pavilion at the International Exposition in Yeosu, Korea. It went on to be nominated the best operated pavilion at the Expo.

Mr. Loxton will now oversee AEG Ogden’s growth and potential new opportunities in venue management both in Australia and internationally and will report directly to Mr. Lister and AEG Ogden’s Executive Director, Rod Pilbeam.

He will also be involved in AEG Ogden’s proposed expansion into International Expositions.

Mark Pitman has been appointed the Group Business Manager and Financial Controller, based at the Brisbane Head Office.

Mr. Pitman was most recently the Financial Controller at the AEG Ogden managed Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre and before that, worked with the company for six years when it opened and managed the Sydney Olympic Stadium / Stadium Australia and later as Telstra Stadium.

Prior to that, Mr. Pitman enjoyed a successful career with the international accounting firm, BDO.

Mr. Pitman will work closely with the business and financial managers at all AEG Ogden managed facilities and oversee legal, governance and internal audits.

About AEG Ogden

AEG Ogden is a joint venture between Australian venue management interests and AEG Facilities of the United States.

AEG Ogden manages venues throughout the Asia Pacific region, including convention centres in Brisbane, Cairns, Darwin, Kuala Lumpur, Qatar, Oman (under construction), and Sydney (construction commencing 2014); arenas including Sydney's Allphones Arena, the Sydney Entertainment Centre (from December 2013), the Brisbane Entertainment Centre, the Newcastle Entertainment Centre and Perth Arena; Suncorp Stadium in Brisbane; and live theatres including Perth's His Majesty's Theatre, Perth Concert Hall, the WA State Theatre Centre, Albany Entertainment Centre, and Subiaco Arts Centre.

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