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Industry Leader Acquires Hassall & Associates

Leading international professional services company, GHD, has further strengthened its position in consulting and project management with the acquisition of Hassall & Associates.

In operation since 1964, Hassall & Associates is one of the most respected and successful consulting and project management firms in its fields of operation. The company has two distinct arms of its business, with Hassall & Associates International dedicated to supporting international development assistance throughout Asia and the Pacific, and Hassall & Associates Australia providing high quality services to a diverse range of clients on agriculture, natural resource and environmental management issues within Australia and internationally.

Says GHD's Robert Knott, Canberra Operating Centre Manager, "The acquisition of Hassall & Associates brings new, complementary dimensions to our business, that will enable us to realise further opportunities for our clients.

"The two businesses have strong synergies. GHD's reputation for providing 'hard' or tangible development services combined with Hassall & Associates' established focus on 'soft' services (where the final result is not in itself a tangible asset) will enhance our capacity to deliver innovative solutions around the globe. GHD's presence in Indonesia, China and the Philippines will be augmented by the Hassall & Associates' team in the Asia-Pacific region. In Australia, we will build on their strength and reputation to provide strategic services in agriculture, natural resource management and economics to complement our growing focus on sustainability, water and agribusiness."

"The combination of the two organisations provides a great platform to grow and enhance consulting and project management services," said John Wurcker, CEO of Hassall & Associates. We look forward to combining our 80 people, skills and experience with those of GHD to deliver superior performance and better outcomes for our clients."

Knott adds, "This acquisition builds upon GHD's reputation for providing professional services for 80 years. It also consolidates our success in Canberra for the past 40 years and demonstrates our commitment to expanding our geographical presence and broadening our service and technical capability.

"We are now focused on integrating our operations and will relocate our 240 Canberra based staff into 3,000sqm of new office space in the CBD later this year."

GHD is an international professional services company. Our people deliver innovative solutions by combining technical skill and experience with an understanding of our clients' objectives and aspirations.

GHD employs over 5,500 people in a network of offices throughout Australia, New Zealand, Asia, the Middle East, the Americas and Europe.

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