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AEG OGDEN ANNOUNCES ICC SYDNEY EXHIBITION SALES MANAGER

Highly experienced events industry executive, Helen Mantellato has commenced as Exhibition Sales Manager at the International Convention Centre (ICC) Sydney.

Announcing the appointment today, AEG Ogden's Director of Convention Centres, Geoff Donaghy said Ms. Mantellato brings to ICC Sydney exceptional knowledge and understanding of the international and domestic exhibition industry.

"She is a business-driven and sales focused professional with an impressive track record in attracting, retaining and managing major events in the competitive Australian and Sydney market," he said.

Ms. Mantellato was previously with the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre since it opened in 1988 and was its Director of Sales (Exhibitions) for the past 10 years.

Ms. Mantellato has also received a number of professional and industry awards including a NSW Olympic Council Order of Merit in 2013, the Trevor Riddell President's Award in 2009, the Outstanding Operations Person for NSW in 1997.

ICC Sydney will be operated by AEG Ogden, the leading venue management company in the Asia Pacific region and will feature a convention facility capable of holding four fully separated concurrent events of over 12,000 delegates and total exhibition capacity of 40,000 square metres. It is due for completion in December 2016.

Mr. Donaghy said the new venue, featuring waterfront facilities in a prime CBD location in Australia's leading city, was destined to become one of the most exciting major convention and exhibition facilities in the world.

He said the ICC Sydney pre-opening office would soon be in place and recruitment of a number of other senior appointments to the management team will commence over the next few weeks.

About the International Convention Centre Sydney (ICC Sydney)

ICC Sydney at Darling Harbour will be Australia's first fully integrated convention, exhibition and entertainment precinct.

Construction of the \$1 billion facility commenced in late 2013 with completion due in late 2016. The development of the facility is being overseen by Infrastructure NSW and undertaken through a Public Private Partnership with The Darling Harbour Live consortium, comprising AEG Ogden, Lend Lease, Capella Capital and Spotless Facilities Services, with AEG Ogden being the venue operator. The convention facility is capable of holding four fully separated concurrent events of over 12,000 delegates; total exhibition capacity of 40,000 square metres; an external event deck of 5,000 square metres featuring spectacular city views; a premier red carpet theatre with a capacity of 8,000 suitable for international entertainment acts and being used for major convention plenary sessions; a Grand Ballroom to provide Sydney's premium banqueting space for more than 2,000; and a new ICC hotel complex with up to 900 rooms. For more information visit www.darlingharbourlive.com.au

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, Oman (under construction), Sydney (under construction) and the Sydney Exhibition Centre @ Glebe Island; arenas including Sydney's Allphones Arena, Qantas Credit Union Arena (formerly the Sydney Entertainment Centre), 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. www.aegogden.com

In addition, AEG Facilities was recently announced as operator of both the Los Angeles Convention Centre and Hawaii Convention Centre.

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