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Effective from today, the integration of NEC Business Solutions Ltd into NEC Australia Pty Ltd is complete.

NEC's Australian operations have been integrated in response to the rapid changes occurring in the Australian ICT market, in particular the growth of broadband, IP telephony and wireless communications. It will increase synergy between the two businesses and enhance business collaboration in the key areas of IT and networks.

"The integration of our operations will strengthen our product and solutions portfolio, particularly in the provision of Managed Services, putting us in a unique position to offer our customers integrated end-to-end solutions equipped to meet the challenges of future ICT market trends," said Toshiharu Iwasa, Managing Director of NEC Australia.

NEC Australia will continue to be headquartered in Melbourne with combined annual revenues of approximately \$600 million. NEC Australia will also maintain its ICT research and development facility, the largest in .

Mr Iwasa adds "Our customers and more than 1200 local staff members will experience a seamless transition. The move will help our customers maintain their competitive edge and at the same time equip our staff to deliver total communications solutions through our broadband network, display solutions, broadband access products, IP telephony and wireless capability."

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About NEC

A leader in the development of broadband and mobile communications technologies, NEC Australia's expertise has propelled the company to the forefront of new era in communications. NEC Australia is also a leading provider of end-to-end, data and video solutions for business and government. NEC Australia utilises its expertise in IP telephony, contact centres and managed services, and its strong partnerships with leading companies to provide innovative and affordable business solutions.

Through the provision of new technologies such as plasma displays, data projectors and high-speed broadband connections, NEC Australia continues to drive innovation into the office and the home. NEC Australia's commitment to innovation and continued expansion into export markets remains unrivalled. NEC is home to 's largest ICT Research and Development facility. As well as undertaking leading R&D in DSL technologies and 3G mobile terminals, NEC Australia's broadband business, Nextep broadband delivers business grade DSL services for SMEs, corporates and governments. For more information about NEC Australia, visit our website at www.nec.com.au