

Paul Fowler named new President of AMTIL

Melbourne, 20 December 2012 – The Australian Manufacturing Technology Institute Limited (AMTIL) has named Paul Fowler as its new President, effective 17 December. Together with CEO Shane Infanti and the AMTIL Board, Mr Fowler will lead the Institute's continuing efforts to provide services around education and training, innovation and market access for Australia's manufacturing businesses. He brings to the job an impressive track record of success, having served more than 8 years as Director at Australia's leading supplier of accessories and workholding solutions Dimac Tooling in Mulgrave, Victoria. Mr Fowler has been a member of the AMTIL Board since 2008 and succeeds Pat Boland, co-founder and Director of CNC tool and cutter grinder manufacturer ANCA Pty Ltd. Mr Fowler will be responsible for strategically leading AMTIL's operational initiatives in developing and expanding new and existing projects aiming to improve the performance and output of Australia's advanced manufacturing industry. "It is important that we continue to provide services around education and training, innovation and market access," Mr Fowler says. "Having the right skill set and the right technology builds capability which, when presented with opportunity, builds businesses." Established in 1999, the not-for-profit organisation is the voice of the advanced precision manufacturing sector, and the number of services on offer is continually expanding. Mr Fowler takes over the reins of the manufacturing association at a time when a growing number of companies in Australia get ready to get involved in major international projects and are gearing up to face competition from not only Asia, but also Europe and the US. "The AMTIL Board will direct much of their focus to developing a more strategic and longer-term view towards the changing landscape within the precision manufacturing sector," he comments and CEO Shane Infanti adds that "The companies that are going to grow in the future are companies that have the latest machine tools, cutting tools, software, etc, and know how to get the best out of it. It's all about technologies, methodologies and techniques." "It has been a difficult few years in the industry and we have been guided well through this time by our outgoing President Pat Boland," Mr Infanti says. "I would like to thank Pat for his efforts over the past two years and congratulate Paul on his appointment. I am certain that with Paul's strategic vision and focus on accountability, the Institute will go from strength to strength." Please visit AMTIL's new website for more information www.amtil.com.au.

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