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## **AGIC Appoints Five New Board Directors**

The Australian Green Infrastructure Council (AGIC) is pleased to announce the appointment of five new members to the AGIC Board of Directors.

The five nominees were unanimously elected to the board at the inaugural AGIC AGM on 6 August 2009.

David Hood, AGIC Chairman said; "I am very pleased to welcome our five new directors. They all bring a wealth of knowledge and unique skills to AGIC from a number of different industry sectors."

The five new members are:

- **Nick Apostolidis**, General Manager, Client Development and Director, GHD
- **Michael Kerry**, Queensland Regional Director, Parsons Brinckerhoff
- **Peter Olsen**, Executive General Manager Human Resources & Sustainability (Sydney), Leighton Contractors Pty Ltd
- **Mark Rogers**, Asset Manager Infrastructure Investment (Sydney), Colonial First State
- **Frank Vromans**, Director and Australian Head of Infrastructure (Brisbane), ARUP

Mr Hood paid tribute to five of the nine standing directors who had decided not to re-nominate to make way for directors with more senior industry experience.

"I would like to thank the Board members who did not re-nominate for their superb commitment and contribution to AGIC. Their leadership and input into the development of AGIC and the scheme concept over the past year as Directors, and earlier on the Interim Steering Group, has been invaluable", he said.

AGIC is a not-for-profit national industry association formed to establish a sustainability rating scheme for Australian infrastructure.

Working to achieve this goal, AGIC will support new ways to improve social, economic and environmental outcomes and enrich the quality of life for communities and industry employees.

The new directors will join the board in guiding the organisation towards securing crucial government funding and finalising the delivery of the AGIC sustainability rating tool.

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[New Board Member profiles attached]



**Nick Apostolidis**

*GHD - Director and General Manager Client Development (Brisbane)*

Nick has more than 32 years' experience in infrastructure. Most of his experience has been in the water sector. He has a thorough understanding of global trends in the sustainable management of water and wastewater. Nick has access to many key decision-makers in government and industry, and has helped to position GHD as the foremost provider of water consulting services in Australasia and beyond. Last year (international year of Sanitation) Nick headed the Sanitation Workstream for the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD).

Under Nick's leadership GHD has developed an international profile for delivering major water projects that address the challenges posed by climate change and sustainability. These include the \$1.8 billion Sydney desalination plant, the \$2.5 billion Western Corridor Recycled Water project in Queensland and the award-winning integrated water management scheme at Pimpama Coomera on the Gold Coast. Nick's knowledge of industry and strong commercial acumen has helped to shape GHD as a progressive, contemporary professional services company.



**Michael Kerry**

*Parsons Brinckerhoff – Regional Director, QLD (Brisbane)*

Michael has more than 40 years' experience in city and regional planning, infrastructure planning, major projects, urban development and environmental management. He holds tertiary qualifications in Geography, Economics, and Civil Design and has lived and worked throughout Australia and overseas. Michael is a Fellow of The Planning Institute of Australia, Adjunct Professor University of Queensland and a Board member of the Centre for Subtropical Design and Urban land Development Authority.

Michael previously held senior positions with Babcock & Brown Australia, Springfield Land Corporation, Queensland Government and Brisbane City Council. He was responsible for establishing the Office of Urban Management in 2004 and preparing a Regional Plan as well as an Infrastructure Plan and Program for South East Queensland. He was also a Director of the South Bank Corporation for 12 years.

His breadth and depth of experience in urban and regional planning, infrastructure and environment, together with an extensive National network positions Michael as valuable addition to the AGIC Board.



**Peter Olsen**

*Leighton Contractors Pty Ltd – Executive General Manager Human Resources & Sustainability (Sydney)*

A senior HR practitioner for more than 25 years, Peter has held senior executive roles with Leighton Contractors, Bechtel Corporation, Tooheys Brewery, Castrol Australia and Bridge Oil. He has an MBA in International Human Resources Management and has gained extensive industry experience spanning four continents including mega projects (US\$2.0Bn). Peter was a Project Director in the United

States on a global SAP implementation and also has experience at Executive Director level in Australian business. He combines a unique operational and functional perspective in regards to employee engagement and business performance.



**Mark Rogers**

*Colonial First State - Asset Manager Infrastructure Investment (Sydney)*

Mark was appointed Asset Manager, Infrastructure Investment in March 2007.

Mark is responsible for the development and implementation of asset management strategies for various portfolio assets and is involved in due diligence during the investment decision processes for the Infrastructure Investment team.

Prior to joining Colonial First Estate, Mark was a senior policy officer working on the Federal airport sale process and the development of the regulatory framework for the newly privatised Federal airports. He has also been involved in government liaison, regulatory approvals and regulatory compliance issues for a large number of recent major infrastructure projects in Australia and New Zealand, including the A\$1 billion Kupe Gas Project in New Zealand, the A\$10 million Gold Coast Airport Runway Extension Project, the A\$500 million Victorian Regional Fast Rail Project and the A\$750 million Bass Gas Project in Victoria.

Mark brings more than 12 years' experience on all sides of the infrastructure sector from his involvement with the Department of Transport and Regional Services during the Federal airport privatisation process, his private consulting experience in major infrastructure projects and his work with Origin Energy in project construction and operation in the oil and gas sector.

He has degrees in Economics and Arts and a Masters Degree (Law) from the Australian National University.



**Frank Vromans**

*ARUP – Director and Australian Head of Infrastructure (Brisbane)*

Frank is a highly experienced executive who has worked on infrastructure projects in the UK, Asia, North Africa and PNG. Since returning to Brisbane in 1981, he has overseen a number of major infrastructure projects in Australia.

Frank regularly directs multi-disciplinary groups on complex transport projects. He has particular skills in drawing together the diverse work streams necessary to undertake and creating the environment within which optimal solutions can be developed.

He has been involved in a range of project delivery types including day works, design and tender, design and construct, BOOT projects and alliance contracts and fixing the risk management regime for project delivery. Frank also has significant experience in the set-up and management of large infrastructure projects, advice on setting up JV's with other consultants and assistance in bidding for major projects.