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## **LYNN WOOD AND RICHARD HUMPHRY AO JOIN HSBC BOARD IN AUSTRALIA**

HSBC Bank Australia Limited has announced two appointments to its board. Lynn Wood, member of the Foreign Investment Review Board (FIRB) and Richard Humphry AO, previously chief executive officer of the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX) join the bank's board as independent non-executive directors, effective 26 October 2005.

"We are delighted to have both Lynn and Richard join the board of HSBC in Australia," Graham Bradley, chairman of HSBC Bank Australia said.

"We look forward to having their support in guiding HSBC to further growth in Australia in the coming years."

These appointments bring the total number of the Australian Bank board to six.

### **Lynn Wood**

"Lynn Wood brings significant executive and board experience in the financial services industry to HSBC, including retail banking, investment banking, funds management and property as well as insurance, superannuation and credit cards," Mr Bradley said.

Lynn Wood is currently a member of the FIRB, as well as director of the Macquarie Goodman Group, director and vice president of the MS Society of NSW and compliance committee member at Macquarie Goodman Funds Management, Barclays Global Investors and Mellon Global Investments. She also co-founded United Funds Services and United Funds Management.

She holds an MBA (AGSM), MA (Psychology) from University of Sydney and is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. In 2003, she was awarded the Centenary Medal for services to Australian society through business and finance.

### **Richard Humphry AO**

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“Richard Humphry brings more than 35 years’ management experience in financial services, executive management and government to the HSBC board,” Mr Bradley said.

He is currently a director of United Group and serves on its audit committee. He is also director of MBF, the Clearview Group, deputy chairman of the Zoological Parks Board of NSW and a director of the Australian Clearing House and ASX Settlement Corporation.

Tony Hodgson, a board member since April 2001, retires effective 26 October 2005.

“The HSBC board thanks Tony for his guidance and support over the past four years,” Mr Bradley said.

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### **Notes to editors**

#### **HSBC in Australia**

In Australia, the HSBC Group offers an extensive range of financial services through a network of 35 branches and offices. These services include personal and commercial financial services, trade finance, non-advisory stockbroking, treasury and financial markets, financial planning and securities custody.

Principal HSBC Group members operating in Australia include HSBC Bank Australia Limited, HSBC Precious Metals (Australia) Limited and HSBC Bank plc. HSBC is marketed worldwide as ‘the world’s local bank’.

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