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Facility Management Association moves office

The Facility Management Association of Australia Limited (FMA Australia) is moving to new premises in Melbourne's CBD on Wednesday 27 September 2006.

"Our current lease in Carlton is soon up for renewal and the requirement to find larger premises to accommodate the growing needs of the organisation was a priority in locating new office space" said FMA Australia Chief Executive, Karen Hill.

"The new office will provide larger and more effective space for our staff, as well as providing meeting facilities for FMA Australia's Board and committees to be held on our premises" she added.

FMA Australia's Chairman, Stephen Ballesty applauded the willingness of FMA Australia's new landlord to have the building assessed under the Australian Building Greenhouse Rating (ABGR) performance rating.

"One of FMA Australia's priorities in association with the Australian Government's Facilities Management Action Agenda, is to promote the adoption of ABGR rating by owners of existing buildings and to encourage more sustainable practices. We are delighted that our new landlord sees the benefit of this approach," he said.

The new office location is Level 6, 313 LaTrobe Street, Melbourne and is close to all forms of public transport.

NOTE FOR EDITORS:

The Facility Management Association of Australia (FMA Australia) is the professional body representing the facility management profession. Members are professionals involved in the strategic and operational management of significant facilities in public and private sector organisations.

Facilities include commercial, educational, industrial, government and landmark buildings or infrastructure. Facility Managers either manage all aspects of these facilities or provide services to them.

Some facts about FMA Australia:

- operating for 18 years with Branches in each State
- has over 1,700 members including Australia's leading facility managers
- provides a range of member services including networking and professional development opportunities and a national annual conference
- runs an accreditation program to accredit facility managers and encourages the development of university courses in facility management
- takes a leading advocacy role on behalf of its members representing the interests of the industry to government and regulatory bodies
- promotes the facility management profession to senior management and the media to increase understanding of this important area across business and the wider community

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