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Position Statement – Global FM

Senior volunteer and staff leadership from the British Institute of Facilities Management (BIFM), the Facility Management Association of Australia (FMA Australia), and the International Facility Management Association (IFMA) met in Oxford, UK on 25 and 26 March 2006 to finalise the formation of a formal alliance under the International Memorandum of Understanding (IMOU).

The alliance, known as Global FM, has a vision “To be the worldwide community of organisations that provides leadership in facilities management.”

Completion of the Goals

Agreement was achieved in the key action areas on this seventh formal meeting of the group since May 2004. The key goals of the IMOU have been concluded as follows:

- A governance model has been established and the organisation is in the process of being incorporated as an international non-profit association under Belgium Law. The structure of the Board of Directors will be representative of worldwide regions, with representation based upon UN and Regional Trade Agreement structures and 9 directors on the Board. The secretariat will be based in Brussels.
- Membership structure has been established and consists of the following member categories:
 1. Full Membership: Member centric non-profit associations with FM as their ‘core business’
 2. Associate Members:
 - i. *Correspondent* – organisations who have a desire to become the national facilities management association in their country of origin
 - ii. *Affiliate* – non-profit organisations wishing to be aligned with and to participate in the work of Global FM
 - iii. *Sustaining* – organisations or individuals wishing to support the aims of Global FM

As a result of these achievements, the IMOU has been formally dissolved.

Global FM

Global FM is to be a single entity, speaking with one voice, to promote the facilities management profession on an international level.

The focus over the next several months will be to further develop the membership of *Global FM* across all membership categories. Dialogue has already commenced with several associations, particularly as a result of the presentation on *Global FM* at the recent BIFM Conference.

Global FM provides a framework for other proactive leadership parties to participate at an international level.

Three of the total nine directors have been elected by their National Associations to the Board of Global FM. They are:

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To review the presentation that was given by the *Global FM* Directors at the BIFM Conference, Oxford, UK please go to Global FM's website at www.globalfm.org

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British Institute of Facilities Management

The BIFM is the UK's lead institute representing those who practice facilities management and who work in organisations supplying facilities management related goods or services.

The BIFM has remained the fastest growing professional body in the UK since its formation in 1993. Most members are individual professionals, with a growing number of corporate members.

The BIFM has strong links with facilities management organisations abroad, placing it at the forefront of international issues. The BIFM is a member of the Construction Industry Council and promotes co-operation with leading professional bodies. The BIFM helps to inform decision-makers in business and government about FM and how to improve performance.

Facility Management Association of Australia

FMA Australia is the largest and most respected facility management professional association in Australia, representing those who make the decisions about Australia's workplaces. Members are professionals involved in the strategic, managerial and operational delivery of facilities and services to public and private sector organizations. Since its establishment 16 years ago, FMA Australia has seen significant growth, currently with more than 1,600 members nationally.

With branches in five of the six States and the Australian Capital Territory, FMA Australia works to represent the national interests of the facility management profession and the industry sector. FMA Australia is a member of the Australian Construction Industry Forum and the Australian Sustainable Built Environment Council and is taking a lead role in the implementation of the Australian Government's recently released Facilities Management Action Agenda.

International Facility Management Association

IFMA is the largest and most widely recognized professional association for facility management, supporting over 18,600 members. The Association's members are represented in 126 Chapters, 16 Councils, and one Special Interest Group (SIG) in 63 countries worldwide. Globally, IFMA certifies facility managers, conducts research, provides educational programs, recognizes facility management degree and certificate programs, and produces World Workplace, the largest facility management-related conference and exposition.