

## Huawei to create Australian Board of Directors, launches 2010 Australian Corporate Report

*Global Fortune 500 company to establish Australian Board*

**Australia, 4 April, 2011:** Huawei has announced that it will create an Australian Board of Directors at the unveiling of the company's 2010 Corporate Report. Set to host its first meeting by mid-year, the Board of Directors will be comprised of prominent Australian leaders with a wide range of experience in business and politics, to sit alongside members from Huawei's local, regional, and global executive teams.

"This announcement is a landmark event for Huawei on a global level, being the first time that the company has established a localised Board of Directors anywhere in the world," said Huawei Australia Government and Public Affairs Director Jeremy Mitchell. "Huawei now employs more than 400 people in Australia, 80% of them locals, with that figure set to increase to over 600 by year's end. With such strong ties to the Australian market, it was only natural that the company would enlist a number of high-profile Australians to help steer the company's local direction."

Huawei has enlisted executive search firm Egon Zehnder to engage with a number of Australian leaders for consideration on the Board of Directors. The Board (currently being finalised) is expected to consist of three independent Australian Directors alongside Directors from Huawei's Australian executive team, regional branch, and global headquarters in Shenzhen, China.

"Huawei's Australian office is playing an increasingly important role in the company's international operations," Mr Mitchell said. "The decision to create an Australian Board of Directors means that Huawei's local business is now being steered by Australian Directors for our Australian customers."

A shortlist of Australians being considered for the Board of Directors is currently being evaluated, with a final Board expected to be announced in the next 6-8 weeks. The Board is expected to host its first meeting by mid-year. Huawei's 2010 Corporate Report will be made available to download from the Media Centre of [www.huawei.com.au](http://www.huawei.com.au)

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