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Banking and Finance Leads the way in HWL Ebsworth Expansion

Sydney: Bucking the global economic trend, HWL Ebsworth Lawyers today announced continued growth and the appointment of seven new Partners; three of whom will significantly enhance its national Banking and Finance practice.

Juan Martinez, Managing Partner advised:

"such growth and lateral recruitment is made possible by HWL Ebsworth Lawyers' unique business model, crafted over the past 10 years, which focuses on keeping costs down, whilst building a high-quality full-service, national practice. The sustainability of our model's profitability is clearly attractive to high caliber legal talent in uncertain markets, and is no doubt both appealing and reassuring to HWL Ebsworth Lawyers' established and growing client base, who benefit from our expert advice and value proposition."

Ex Freehills (Melbourne) Partner Alan Maclean and Sydney Partner Richard Gray, join Paul Sroka (Middletons) in Melbourne to enhance HWL Ebsworth Lawyers' front-end Banking and Finance practice. Together they bring more than of 50 years of experience, which when combined with HWL Ebsworth's well recognised Banking and Finance litigation practice, creates a formidable full-service offering to the Banking and Finance sector and further enhances HWL Ebsworth Lawyers' highly regarded Insurance and Financial Services practices.

In addition, HWL Ebsworth Lawyers has also expanded its Commercial, Property, Workplace Relations and Health practices with the Melbourne appointments of partners Thomas Kim, Seamus Gunson, Tony Lawrence and Sydney appointment of Geoff Bloom.

HWL Ebsworth's Managing Partner Juan Martinez, today spoke of his enthusiasm of HWL Ebsworth Lawyers' new lateral hires, and reiterated the firm's commitment to maintaining a culture enhanced with professional staff development opportunities through increased diversity of clients and work.

HWL Ebsworth Lawyers is a leading commercial law firm with offices in Sydney, Norwest, Melbourne and Brisbane. The firm is a recognised leader in banking and finance, corporate law, insurance & financial services, property, construction and infrastructure, health and transport.

In May 2008, Home Wilkinson Lowry and Ebsworth and Ebsworth merged to create Australia's pre-eminent full-service, commercial mid-tier firm. The firm is well known for its national industry expertise, commercial service delivery and development of intimate client relationships.

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