



MEDIA RELEASE

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ACA ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT

The Australian Constructors Association (ACA) has elected Mr Peter Brecht, Chief Executive Officer of Valemus Australia Pty Ltd, as its new President.

Mr Brecht replaces long-standing President Mr Wal King AO, Chief Executive Officer of Leighton Holdings Limited, who was the Association's inaugural President.

Mr Brecht today paid tribute to Mr King's contribution to the Association and to the development of the Australian construction industry.

"Wal King has been an outstanding construction industry leader for many years. He successfully led the Association through its formative years and he is largely responsible for it now being one of the most significant and respected leadership organisations in Australia", Mr Brecht said.

"Since its formation ACA has worked hard to develop and maintain a stable and productive industrial relations platform and has worked with our major clients to improve to the commercial life of the industry. However, one of the most important contributions that Wal King has made has been to ensure that we continue to have a safe industry and that will be one of his enduring legacies.

"The Australian construction sector accounts for around 7% of the Australian economy and employs about 10% of the total workforce. Australia is relying on the construction sector to build the platform for its continuing development.

"ACA remains committed to working with governments and our clients on policies that contribute to a safe, stable and productive industry " Mr Brecht said.

Mr Brecht has been a member of the Board of the Australian Constructors Association since 1998 and was the former Association Vice-President.

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