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ACCI WELCOMES LAUNCH OF NATIONAL WORK-LIFE BALANCE AWARDS

Statement by Mr Greg Evans, Acting Chief Executive

The Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI), Australia's largest and most representative business organisation, has welcomed the launch today of the 2009-10 National Work-Life Balance Awards by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations the Hon Julia Gillard MP.

ACCI has been involved with these Awards (formerly known as the Work and Family Awards) since their inception in 1992.

The Awards are now held every two years and acknowledge businesses, government and community organisations that recognise the business benefits in responding to the work-life balance needs of their employees, and make an effort to implement practical and effective work-life balance policies, practices and initiatives.

There are 13 categories for the 2009-10 Awards with a 14th Award for an overall National Winner:

- Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
- Business and Professional Services
- Construction
- Education, Innovation and Research
- Finance and Insurance
- Government and Community Sector
- Indigenous Business
- Manufacturing
- Mining
- Retail and Wholesale Trade
- Small Business (fewer than 15 employees)
- Tourism and Hospitality
- Transport and Storage

More information on the Awards as well as Application Forms, are available on the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations website at: www.deewr.gov.au/worklife. Applications should be lodged by COB on Friday 4 September 2009.

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