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Sunshine Coast Exchange Off to Market

The Directors of the National Institute for Socio-Economic & Environmental Research (NISER), Jorg Schwartz, Sean Rothsey and Lew Brennan are happy to announce that they will launch the Sunshine Coast Board of NSX Ltd in April 2008. It will be known as the NSX Sunshine Coast Exchange.

The formal agreement between Cooroy based NISER (a public unlisted not-for-profit company) and NSX Ltd (operator of the National Stock Exchange) was sealed in August 2007.

Newly appointed Sunshine Coast NSX Business Development Manager, Francesca Grillo says "The creation of a regional stock exchange means greater opportunities for local investors to recognise and support the growth potential of their own local businesses. Huge amounts of investment and superannuation money flows out of the region every week but with the exchange, investors and advisors can come together, develop opportunities and keep that capital within the region.

"The Sunshine Coast has many small and medium enterprises and the NSX is specifically designed to accommodate this SME market. It is accessible for many businesses in their early growth stages. NSX applies realistic entry requirements including a shareholder spread of 50 and a market capitalisation of AU\$500,000 compared to the ASX which imposes a market capitalisation of minimum \$10M and 400 shareholders. The NSX also offers a streamlined admission process which can save both time and money.

"NISER is committed to improve socio-economic and environmental development and research regionally, state and nationally and the offer of the NSX to facilitate a regional stock exchange provides a natural opportunity to enforce that commitment.

"We will run regular workshops to train stakeholders and we will keep the wider community informed through the media and other events. The NSX Sunshine Coast Exchange will benefit companies that wish to list by way of creating access to capital, easier transition mechanisms and providing a fair and transparent market place and an environment for growth. For the local investors and capital providers there will be the opportunity to invest in their region, thereby contributing to its growth.

"We want to work alongside local Governments, regional development departments, business clusters, chamber of commerce, investors' board and any other organisation that fosters local economic and social development in the region".

Ms Grillo welcomes further enquiries on 07 5442 5050 or 0408 427 937 or contact her at francesca@niser.org.au or www.niser.org.au

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About the National Institute for Socio-Economic & Environmental Research

NISER was established in 2006 as an independent, not for profit organisation with a commitment to improve socio-economic development and research regionally, state and nationally. NISER has a skilled team dedicated to helping individuals, businesses, corporate organisations, government sector and community achieve improved socio-economic outcomes.

About Francesca Grillo

Ms Francesca Grillo is NSX Business Development Manager for the Sunshine Coast at NISER. Born and raised Italy she is a qualified barrister and was Professor's Assistant for the Commercial Law Chair at the University of Bologna, specialising in Company and Enterprise Law. Her career has spanned Law, Real Estate development and management and Marketing. She is a former member of the Noosa Community Tourism Board and Sister City Committee at the Noosa Council.

About NSX Limited

NSX Limited is unique in Australian Financial Markets. Holding two Australian market licences, it operates both National Stock Exchange of Australia and Bendigo Stock Exchange. As an independent market operator, NSX has over 10 years experience in the operation of efficient, regulated trading platforms, NSX now has more than 112 securities representing more than \$1 billion in market capitalisation across its two exchanges.

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