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NISER and Business Growth Gold Coast partner up

Mr Jorg Schwartz Managing Director of the National Institute for Socio-Economic & Environmental Research (NISER) announces that NISER has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Business Growth Gold Coast to provide an effective framework for a continuing liaison between the two organisations.

While NISER is dedicated to regional and national social and economic well-being based on research, education and strategic action, Business Growth Gold Coast strives to develop a sound financial and corporate business environment and to improve the corporate image of Gold Coast Business.

Both companies are not-for-profit and their intent is to provide a continuing calendar of education programs, activities and events to reach their objective avoiding duplication and promoting the value of vibrant, innovative and efficient economies.

“Our organisations are now cooperating for the establishment of the two regional boards of the National Stock Exchange of Australia (NSXA) on the Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast” Mr Schwartz said.

“This opportunity focuses our collaborative activities in the areas of corporate governance education, capital raising, professional development programs for directors and business leaders and promotion of innovation and industry success stories.”

Mr Adam Gallagher Coordinator of Business Growth Gold Coast said “Since the Business Growth GC launch of the NSXA on the Gold Coast in October 2007, we have had 8 new Nominated Advisors, 2 new stock brokers and 2

new Facilitators accredited with the NSXA. We have also had several companies announce their intention to list including national fruit company 'Golden Circle'. We are privileged and very enthusiastic to have the opportunity to assist NISER in establishing an exchange on the Sunshine Coast for the benefit of the local business community."

Mr Schwartz commented that "the achievements of Business Growth GC are of great encouragement for us and for our upcoming NSXA launch later this year. We are committed to training and educating the Sunshine Coast small and medium enterprises (SMEs) about the advantages of seeking new capital and flexibility options through listing on the National Stock Exchange.

"Business Growth Gold Coast has obtained grants from the Gold Coast City Council and the Department of Transport and Regional Services to support their joint effort with the NSXA which clearly underline the importance of such initiative for the economic development of the region.

"NISER will look for similar support once the Federal Government will have new policies on regional partnership funds and the new Amalgamated Council will be in place."

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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 the community achieve improved socio-economic outcomes

About Jorg Schwartz

Mr Schwartz is a Sunshine Coast resident. Prior to joining NISER he has been involved in founding and managing successful property developments

up to \$2 Billion and computer companies both in Australia and Europe. He is a member of the Australian Institute of company directors (MAICD)

About NSX Limited

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