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**AFTA Board Election
and
AFTA appoints a new director to the board.**

Today AFTA confirms that all returning Directors who fell eligible to be re-elected to the board were returned.

In addition at the recent board meeting and upon the required filings with ASIC the AFTA board announces today that Andrew Macfarlane CEO of Magellan has been appointed to the board.

This increases the board by one seat to a total of 11 Directors and acknowledges the commitment that the Magellan Group has to AFTA via its 100% membership of AFTA policy.

“Andrew has been an active participant in a number of forums over the past few years with AFTA both with the APJC-AU and more recently the TITPWG working on the draft accreditation criteria and this appointment is most welcomed” said Jayson Westbury Chief Executive.

“Andrew brings a diverse background of experience and will be a valued member of the AFTA board” said Westbury.

“The board has a very cohesive approach to policy matters which allows AFTA to forge ahead and get results as has been the case with the Travel Review and I am sure Andrew will be a contributor in many ways going forward” said Westbury

“I am delighted to be supporting AFTA and the travel industry by way of this appointment and look forward to continuing the good work of AFTA in the years ahead” said Andrew Macfarlane.

“Magellan is a growing group and both the Directors of Magellan and I wish to thank the board of AFTA for confirming this board seat for us” Macfarlane said.

The AFTA AGM will be held on Friday 19th July 2013 in Sydney which is a break from tradition over the past many years as it has historically been held on the same day as the NTIA. A board meeting will follow the AGM and that will be Mr Macfarlane’s first board meeting.

For a full list of AFTA directors go to www.afta.com.au

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Notes to Editors:

The Australia Federation of Travel Agents (AFTA) is the peak body in Australia representing the retail travel industry. Founded in 1957, AFTA represents the majority of travel agents in Australia and includes all of the major travel agency groups.

AFTA's role is to uphold the interests of members in matters relating to the operation of all travel agencies in Australia. In broad terms these issues are ones that are not addressed by agent chain or corporate entities on behalf of their members, and are ones that involve the industry as a whole.

Further information about AFTA can be found at www.afta.com.au