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From the CEO



All Systems Go

The CRC for Rail Innovation is a collaborative venture between leading organisations in the Australian rail industry and Australian Universities and is supported by the Commonwealth Government. The CRC for Rail Innovation will invest around \$100m in rail industry research over the next 7 years. This makes it the single biggest research program in the history of Australian railways.

The vision of the CRC for Rail Innovation is to undertake research to generate significant economic and social benefits to Australia.

The CRC for Rail Innovation has a broad scope embracing 5 programs

R1 – Economic, Social & Environment

R2 – Operations & Safety

R3 – Engineering & Safety

Program 4 – Education & Training

Program 5 – Commercialisation & Utilisation

I am pleased to advise that the CRC for Rail Innovation is now well and truly up and running. All agreements are signed and the CRC Board has approved fifteen research projects including important issues such as:

- Emission Trading – developing rail industry foresight.
- Environmental Regulations pertaining to rail.

- Tools to evaluate human factors issues of new technologies.
- Longer life insulated rail joints.
- Scoping current practices in driver performance monitoring and feedback.

Whilst the CRC operates as a virtual organisation, a small leadership team based in Brisbane will be in place by early January 2008 consisting of:

Charlie Robinson, Business Manager; and

Chris Gourlay, Research Director.

During the next seven years we intend to:

- Pursue world class rail research and education.
- Become the research provider of choice for the Australian Rail Industry.
- Ensure that the Centre research will deliver economic, environmental and social benefits to the Australian economy, rail industry and centre Participants

This is a very exciting period for rail in Australia. The CRC for Rail Innovation will become recognised nationally and internationally with high levels of adoption and commercialisation of its rail research.

David George
Chief Executive Officer



Leaders in Rail Research

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New Website

The CRC for Rail Innovation has now a new website (www.railcrc.net.au) launched in December 2007 to coincide with AusRAIL Plus.

The new website, developed by BoaB interactive, provides detailed information on the research programmes and latest news available to members and the general public.

Although the CRC for Rail Innovation website is at an early stage, it is the objective that the new website becomes the main platform of information for researchers and industry stakeholders interested in rail research. As more

information becomes available and research objectives are achieved, the new website will continue to grow.

If you would like to keep updated on rail research news, visit www.railcrc.net.au and subscribe to our monthly newsletter Research Briefs. Subscription is free of charge and available to members and non-members of the CRC for Rail Innovation.

Dora A Ugalde
Communications Manager

Research Director and Business Manager Appointments

The CRC for Rail Innovation has recently appointed Mr Christopher Gourlay as its Research Director.

In his new role, Chris will be responsible for the management of all aspects of the CRC research programs by promoting cooperation among researchers across the different research programs.



Chris Gourlay

He will also coordinate new research options, needs and capabilities including cooperation with other CRCs, government, private research institutions and overseas research institutions.

Prior to his appointment as Research Director, Chris held different management positions in the field of rail engineering with a particular emphasis on research.

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The CRC for Rail Innovation has also appointed Mr Charles Robinson, as Business Manager.

Charlie, is responsible for the management of the business, commercial, financial, governance and administrative operations.



Charlie Robinson

Before joining the CRC for Rail Innovation, Charlie held various management positions including Executive Manager of eWater CRC and Business Liaison and Operations Manager at the National ICT Australia.

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