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Fimat strenghtens its offer in the Australian marketplace becoming an Australian Stock Exchange member

Fimat Australia Pty Ltd, a 100% subsidiary of the Fimat Group, a leading global brokerage organization and part of Société Générale Securities Services further strengthened its foothold in the Australian marketplace last week when it became an Australian Stock Exchange (ASX) Market Participant and Australian Clearing House (ACH) General Participant.

Fimat is now able to offer clearing and execution services on Australian cash equities and listed equity derivatives, which in conjunction with its already established futures business on the Sydney Futures exchange will position it to offer a price competitive solution to the domestic and international actors wishing to trade on the Australian exchanges.

“We believe that Fimat can offer an attractive alternative to clients trading in the Australian market place who are looking for a more efficient and tailored clearing and execution service. With the ability also to provide a full range of international financial products and services spanning equities, Forex, derivatives and commodities the Fimat Group is answering the demands of its global clientele” said Toby Lawson Managing Director of Fimat Australia.

This new membership is an important addition to the Fimat existing network in Asia-Pacific*. It underlines Fimat's commitment to the Asia-Pacific region in general and it is the latest example of Fimat's dynamic expansion strategy in the region.

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