

COMMONWEALTH BANK APPOINTS GROUP EXECUTIVE HUMAN RESOURCES

Sydney 25 October 2011: The Commonwealth Bank Chief Executive Officer Ralph Norris and Chief Executive Officer Designate Ian Narev today announced the appointment of Melanie Laing as Group Executive Human Resources.

Ian Narev said, "I am delighted to have Melanie join our Senior Leadership team. Melanie is a high calibre senior executive with proven people experience, both in Australia and internationally. The appointment of an executive of Melanie's capability and experience reinforces the importance that the Commonwealth Bank places on its people and also on the further development of the organisation's culture as it faces the challenges ahead".

Melanie will join the Group's Executive Committee, reporting direct to Ian Narev and will commence with the Group in early 2012.

Melanie is currently Executive General Manager, People and Culture for Origin Energy Limited. Prior to joining Origin Energy, she held Regional Human Resources Director roles at Unisys Asia Pacific and Vodafone Pacific. In all of her recent roles, Melanie has been responsible for the strategic planning and development of the Human Resources function.

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