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*Prominent Australian Firm – Harmers Workplace Lawyers -
Joins Alliance*

Brussels (October 20, 2011) – Harmers Workplace Lawyers, Australia’s leading workplace law practitioners, have joined forces with L&E Global, the international alliance providing counsel to employers on employment, labor, workplace privacy, employee benefits and immigration law.

Harmers will join eleven leading law firms from Europe, North America, and the Asia-Pacific region that have formed an alliance to provide attentive, efficient, and cost-effective legal counsel to clients operating in what has increasingly become a multi-jurisdictional legal arena. Launched in January 2011 with six members, L&E Global quickly doubled in size to become the premier alliance of employment and labour “boutique” law firms. L&E Global is now comprised of member firms from Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Spain, and the United States.

“We are delighted to welcome Harmers into our global alliance,” said **Stephan C. Swinkels**, the Executive Director of L&E Global. “This outstanding law firm greatly strengthens our presence in the Southern Hemisphere and leverages our ability to guide clients operating in the important Asia-Pacific business environment.” Added Chairman Michael Harmer, “L&E Global provides the perfect solution for our clients who seek a global strategy for their business needs”.

With offices in Sydney, Melbourne, and Brisbane, Harmers Workplace Lawyers consolidated its reputation in Australia when they were recognized for the 6th consecutive year as the “Employment Specialist Firm of the Year” at the ALB Law Awards in May 2011. The firm was also a finalist in the “Corporate Citizen Firm of the Year” and “CSR Firm of the Year” categories in 2011. The firm contributes to the promotion of human rights and justice internationally, including support for a number of schools, hospitals, and community services in Africa and indigenous Australia.

L&E Global: Employer's Counsel Worldwide

L&E Global is an alliance of premier boutique law firms in Europe, North America, and the Asia-Pacific region. Each member firm concentrates its practice on employment law, employee benefits and labour relations, and each firm is recognized by clients and legal organizations as a leader in this field.

L&E Global provides workplace law advice and services globally. Member firms offer deep experience in a very broad array of sectors and markets, including financial and insurance services, high tech, pharmaceutical, telecommunications and information services, luxury goods, retail, and energy. Together, they operate in every major U.S. city, in key European business centers, in the Asia-Pacific region, Latin America, and Canada. In other jurisdictions, the alliance is able to draw on strong relationships with leading local practices to provide seamless global coverage.

For more information on L&E Global, please visit <http://leglobal.org/> .

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