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**SKELTON TOMKINSON & BEVO ANNOUNCE
RECOMMENCEMENT OF COOPERATION**

Global freight forwarder, Skelton Tomkinson is pleased to announce that they will be recommencing their freight forwarding cooperation with BEVO Speditions from 1st October 2008.

The cooperation, which ultimately combines the strengths of well-known freight forwarders Franck & Tobiesen in the United Kingdom and Hansen Shipping in the United States, provides for complete coverage worldwide. Skelton Tomkinson's operations already span Netherlands, Japan, New Zealand and the USA, with further operations planned for the UAE later in the year.

Brad Skelton, managing director of Skelton Tomkinson, is tremendously excited by the announcement.

"The renewed partnership heralds a stronger market position and ability to provide our clients with a greater volume on all routes to and from Australia, North America and Europe," explained Skelton.

"The overall professionalism and resources of the four companies will make the arrangement unbeatable in the used equipment market. Each entity also brings an absolute sense of integrity to the table, which will only go toward further strengthening client relationships in the future."

With a truly global presence, the group's combined offering will provide for offices in Adelaide, Amsterdam, Atlanta, Auckland, Bremen, Brisbane, Houston, London, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney and Yokohama.

"Our group of companies has built a longstanding relationship based on aligned values," said Skelton. "I couldn't be happier with the arrangement."

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Notes to Editors: About Skelton Tomkinson



Skelton Tomkinson provides a total solution for movement of heavy equipment to anywhere. Our point-to-point global transport and processing services include:

- Freight Forwarding
- Customs Consultancy
- Marine Insurance
- Quarantine pre-shipment inspections
- AQIS inspections
- Steam Cleaning
- Heavy Haulage (trucking)
- Heavy Lifting (Mobile cranes)
- Heavy equipment processing & assembly

Skelton Tomkinson is one of Australia's largest privately owned family businesses, with annual growth rates averaging over 40% for the past five years. Turnover for 2005/ 2006 was in excess of \$85 million. Skelton Tomkinson employs 60 staff across its worldwide operations.

The company is recognised as a leader in its field, winning the 2005, 2006 and 2007 Australian Lloyds Shipping Award for Innovation in Intermodal Transport and the coveted National Logistics and Supply Chain Award in 2003, and 2004 – beating multinational corporations such as Toll, Patricks and QANTAS. The back-to-back wins were the first time the same company has won the award over consecutive years running.