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## NEWS ALERT

### **Capgemini opens first Centre of Excellence for Smart Energy in Australia**

**Melbourne, Australia, Paris, France, 18 November 2011 – Capgemini, one of the world’s foremost providers of consulting, technology and outsourcing services today opens its Smart Energy Centre of Excellence (COE) in Australia for its Energy and Utilities sector, located in the heart of the Melbourne central business district (CBD). Building on a wealth of experience and thought leadership gathered from Capgemini’s global Smart Energy Services practice, the COE will act as a hub for Capgemini Australia to showcase, develop and present the latest business and technology advancements in Smart Energy solutions. Capgemini will leverage its capabilities from the Smart Energy COE in collaboration with its partners, including but not limited to the Smart Energy Alliance<sup>1</sup>, to deliver solutions and services in partnership with its customers.**

Capgemini’s Smart Energy Centre of Excellence is part of an ongoing market leadership initiative aimed at improving awareness and understanding of today’s smart energy developments. The COE is equipped with examples of the latest smart energy operations in Australia and around the world, which will help demonstrate how local Energy and Utilities organisations can apply smart solutions to deliver value to their businesses.

Perry Stoneman, Vice President and Global Leader of Capgemini’s Smart Energy Services line says, “*The Energy and Utilities sector is important for Capgemini worldwide. We have a strong presence globally and our new Centre of Excellence in Australia complements our market leadership and will play squarely to help strengthen our solutions offerings. One of the major challenges Australia has with smart energy solutions is understanding how it might benefit the country; this new centre will help local companies tangibly understand the benefits for their business.*”

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<sup>1</sup> The Smart Energy Alliance (SEA) combines deep industry strengths of Capgemini, Cisco Systems, GE Energy, Hewlett-Packard, Intel and Oracle to help utilities transform their transmission and distribution operations. ([www.smart-energy-alliance.com](http://www.smart-energy-alliance.com))

The Energy and Utilities sector is a focus for Capgemini's business in Australia. Capgemini is making investments to support its clients' business and technology priorities. The Smart Energy COE will support Energy and Utilities clients through access to thought leadership, innovation and smart solutions leveraged from the global COEs in India, Europe, Nordics and North America and developed for the Australian marketplace. Local customers will benefit from reusable assets and collaborative methods to accelerate delivery of solutions across focus areas including Smart Grid, Smart Metering and Smart Home.

Ash Peck, General Manager, Information and Communication Technology at SP AusNet<sup>2</sup> added, *"I'm delighted to see Capgemini bring their global capabilities and thought leadership to the Australian Utilities marketplace, through investment in their Australian Smart Energy Centre of Excellence. SP AusNet looks forward to leveraging Capgemini's Centre of Excellence to assess business and technology scenarios in the Smart Grid arena."*

Glen McLean, General Manager of Information Technology at Powercor Australia<sup>3</sup> said, *"Capgemini's launch of their Australian Smart Energy Centre of Excellence is testament to their commitment to the local Utilities sector. At Powercor and CitiPower we look forward to leveraging Capgemini's innovations and thought leadership through their Smart Energy Centre of Excellence."*

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<sup>2</sup> A publicly listed company on the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX) and the Singapore Exchange (SGX-ST), SP AusNet is majority owned by Singapore Power Ltd and owns and maintains a network of energy infrastructure that ensures efficient and reliable energy delivery to industrial and domestic customers right across Victoria.

<sup>3</sup> Powercor Australia is Australia Victoria's largest electricity distributor, which supplies electricity to regional and rural centers in central and western Victoria, and Melbourne's outer western suburbs. Powercor services approximately 700,000 distribution customers, and operates successful non-regulated businesses.