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National Executive

New G100 CEO

Stephen Woodhill has been appointed Chief Executive Officer of the organisation. The appointment comes as Peter Meehan steps down as CEO after nearly seven years.

Stephen has a successful track record in corporate public affairs working for publicly listed companies, lobby groups, regulatory authorities and corporate affairs consultancies.

Stephen will play a key role as the G100 continues its advocacy on key financial and business policy helping to strengthen Australia's international competitiveness. We will continue to bring commercial perspectives and practical solutions to often highly technical discussions aimed at achieving the right policy settings on issues from tax reform to financial reporting and capital markets.

Members' Dinner

Mark Vassella, Chief Executive, BlueScope Steel Australia and New Zealand, gave an insightful presentation to members and guests on the "BlueScope Turnaround" at the August Melbourne dinner.

G100 Working Group Updates

As mentioned in the June Update, all working groups are established. Should you be interested in providing additional delegates the contact details of each working group Chairs are as follows:

- Taxation - Andrew Porter - CFO AFIC - aporter@afi.com.au
- External Reporting - Simon Cammell - Group Financial Controller, Australia Post - simon.cammell@auspost.com.au
- Leadership Development
 - Diversity & Inclusion – Kate Watson - GM Information Strategy, Financial Services CBA (*filling in for Michael Ford whilst he is between roles*) - kate.watson@cba.com.au
- Capital Markets/Investor Relations - Neil Wesley - General Manager, Investor Relations and Corporate Finance Perpetual - neil.wesley@perpetual.com.au

DIARY DATES

Executive Meetings 2017

Wednesday 11 October – Sydney
Wednesday 6 December – Melbourne

Taxation:

The G100 Tax Working Group is actively involved in working with Federal Government, Treasury and the ATO in the setting of taxation policy, taxation legislation and implementation insofar as it affects Members. It is represented on the Large Business Stewardship Group (LBSG) with the ATO, and has continuing close relationships with the Board of Taxation and the Corporate Tax Association.

Members are asked in advance of all meetings of the LBSG as to issues with current or forthcoming taxation legislation that they would like raised, and a report on proceedings is delivered to all Members.

The most recent meeting of the LBSG was on 7 August, and a report to Members has been delivered.

Other items to note are:

- Melbourne-based Members of the working group were invited to attend the Board of Taxation luncheon on 6 July.
- The recent reduction in the corporate tax rate for small companies, and the effect that it has had on other parts of the tax system (i.e. the double taxation result of requiring shareholders to pay an additional 2.5% on dividends franked at 27.5% paid from profits that have been taxed at 30%) has prompted questions about the status of wider tax reform.
- The National Executive is considering the next steps to take in this area, but a redraft and a re-release of the document, 'Let's have a real debate about tax reform to keep Australia strong' that was released in May 2015, is a possibility.

External Reporting:

The G100 External Reporting Working Group researches, develops and issues position papers and submissions to regulatory bodies on external reporting matters vital to sustaining Australia's reputation as an important destination for capital investment.

Since its formation in May, the group has developed a working charter and is continuing to explore methods to better serve the needs of members via a combination of informative updates, requests for comment and potentially the establishment of a broader 'community of practice' available to reporting managers of member entities.

The working group met in May, June and July regarding the following matters:

- A group delegate attended the AUASB Roundtable on ISA 540 Auditing Accounting Estimates and Related Disclosures held on the 19 May, concluding that it is not expected that the revised auditing standard will result in more cost or effort for member entities.
- The working group has reviewed proposed minor amendments to IFRS 9 to enable companies to measure certain pre-payable financial assets with so-called negative compensation features at amortised cost, concluding that the proposed amendments do not warrant a submission from the G100.
- A working group delegate attended the AASB Disclosure Initiative – Principles of Disclosure outreach event held in June, designed to explore how disclosures in financial reporting can be improved. The working group has prepared a response to the discussion paper for submission to the IASB and AASB.
- The group has informed members of the AASB's post implementation review feedback request on AASB 13 Fair Value. Feedback is currently being sought from members, and if required, a working group submission may be made by the feedback deadline of 31 August.
- The group has considered the recent IFRIC clarification on the recognition of deferred taxes on indefinite lived intangible assets recognised in a business combination, and is discussing submitting a comment to IFRIC on the manner of clarification.
- The working group has informed members of changes to the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988 that will affect entities that self-insure under the Comcare scheme.

Leadership Development – (including Diversity and Inclusion):

The G100 Diversity and Inclusion Working Group has been established to promote greater diversity in finance leadership in G100 member companies. It will do this by providing member companies with forums to **share, support and inspire** one another on topics related to successfully fostering diversity and inclusion.

The working group will focus on the following three areas:

- Diverse participation - fostering working environments that attract and support a diverse workforce.
- Diverse leadership - promoting approaches to increasing diversity in leadership roles
- Advocacy - being vocal champions of diversity and inclusion.

To date the working group has agreed a charter and is refining how it will measure progress, building on the insights gained from the inaugural G100 Gender Diversity Survey published in June 2016.

The working group is also formulating plans for its first events to be held in major cities in the coming months, to bring members together to learn from one another's experience and discuss opportunities.

Capital Markets/Investor Relations:

The Capital Markets/Investor Relations Working Group works in conjunction with the Australasian Investor Relations Association (AIRA) on projects that are mutually beneficial. To date the key focus has been on the role of Proxy Advisors in the Australian market. There will be an increased focus on this topic in the coming months.