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### ***Ausenco Project Academy to develop future leaders in Project Management***

Global engineering and project management services provider Ausenco Limited, in partnership with the Queensland University of Technology (QUT), launched the Ausenco Project Academy in Brisbane last night.

Speaking at its launch at the QUT Gardens Theatre, Ausenco Limited CEO Zimi Meka said the Ausenco Project Academy was established to develop Ausenco's people, and through them, maintain a strategic advantage by providing the best quality services to clients.

"Our people are our strength and our future and we see this as an innovative solution to employee retention and attraction as demand for good people, particularly in the resources sector, continues to grow," Mr Meka said.

"We want to give our people every opportunity to develop and explore exciting career pathways within Ausenco and help us deliver on the increasing number of projects throughout our business."

Ausenco Limited is headquartered in Brisbane, and currently employs 2,500 people in 26 offices across 13 countries globally.

Mr Meka said by establishing the Academy, Ausenco employees would be recognised for their contribution to the company while working toward university qualifications.

"We saw synergies in partnering with QUT as a leading university to develop an academy that promoted the professional development of our people and fostered world-class project management skills," said Mr Meka.

"By successfully bringing together Ausenco's commercial expertise and QUT's significant knowledgebase we are confident the Academy will prove to be hands on, highly relevant and a benchmark for the industry."

QUT Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Coaldrake agreed the Ausenco Project Academy would help to address the skills shortage currently being experienced in the booming resources industry.

"QUT is well placed to respond to today's need to develop and retain the very best people, given its position as a leader in course design and delivery, and its real world focus," Prof Coaldrake said.

"In addition, this new Academy will provide important ongoing industry linkages and potential work experience opportunities for our students and researchers."

Mr Meka said that during its inaugural year the Ausenco Project Academy would deliver all programs on the East Coast of Australia to 30-60 participants via a series of three-day intensive workshops, on-line tutorials and written assignments.

“Most of the assignment and case study activities will be based on ‘live’ projects Academy participants are currently working on. Participants will be able to see the value of the program in their day to day work immediately – to their personal benefit, the team’s benefit and the benefit of our clients,” he said.

“In the future we hope to deliver these programs across our global and regional offices to support the growth of our group of companies and development of our employees around the world.”

The courses will provide participants with a targeted Graduate Diploma in Built Environment and Engineering and a Masters of Project Management, Engineering Management and/or Business Administration.

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### **About Ausenco Limited**

Ausenco Limited (ASX:AAX) is a significant, industry leading engineering service provider to the global resources industry. It has 2,500 employees in 26 offices across 13 countries globally. Ausenco delivers innovative solutions for its clients across the full project lifecycle, from preliminary scoping studies, through innovative engineering to project operation.

### **About Queensland University of Technology**

Based in Brisbane, Queensland University of Technology (QUT) is a leading Australian university with global connections and a reputation for quality undergraduate and postgraduate courses, a wide range of studies and applied research best suited to the needs of industry and the community.

QUT is the largest provider of bachelor degree graduates into full-time employment in Australia each year and its graduate employment rate is well above the national average for Australian universities.

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