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ASX Media Release

Ausenco confirms \$6.8 million impairment charge

Ausenco Limited (ASX: AAX) Board of Directors today announced that, as part of the half yearly financial review process, an after-tax, non-cash impairment charge of \$6.8 million has been raised. The impairment charge will be presented as an 'individually significant item' in the accounts for the half year to 30 June 2010.

The impairment charge follows the review of the Company's Energy business intangible assets which was foreshadowed at the Company's AGM in May 2010. It represents 5% of the value of the goodwill assets associated with businesses that were acquired in 2008.

The impairment charge will have no impact on the Group's cash flow or on its compliance with financial covenants.

Ausenco's balance sheet and liquidity remain strong with undrawn facilities and no debt maturities due until late 2011 and 2013.

Ausenco's Chief Executive Officer, Zimi Meka, said that, following a thorough review of the five year strategic plan, the Board of Directors remains committed to Ausenco's strategic diversification and expansion into the energy sector.

Ausenco's core business offerings and its geographic and commodity diversification mean that it is well positioned for strong growth and improved performance with global economic recovery.

Ausenco has positioned itself for expansion in the Energy sector including the appointment of experienced executive management and a business development team; setting up offices in Saudi Arabia, Houston and Brisbane; and the establishment of two strategic alliances to pursue new energy projects in these key markets.

Mr Meka said the impairment charge arose as a result of the costs of current strategic initiatives being incurred in advance of earnings from new projects, in combination with delays in government environmental and greenhouse initiatives, particularly in North America. This had made achieving short term financial targets for the Energy business difficult.

"Despite these delays, we have confidence in our business model and the medium term growth plans for this area of our business. Our strategic and operational goals remain unchanged," said Mr Meka.

"We are confident the Group's energy experience and strong track record for innovative engineering solutions provide a solid base for leverage and market growth in the power, alternative energy and renewable energy markets."

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About Ausenco

Ausenco sets high global standards for leading edge engineering and project management services in the resources and energy sectors. We're a growing company with big ambitions that thrives on reaching into new markets. Across 32 offices in 20 countries, our people seek ingenious solutions for our clients in the Energy, Environment & Sustainability, Minerals & Metals, Process Infrastructure and Program Management sectors. We're inspired to make a genuine positive impact on the world around us and in the communities in which we operate.