

# ASX ANNOUNCEMENT



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## **ASG APPOINTS STUART WHIPP AS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

ASG Group (ASG) is pleased to announce it has appointed Stuart Whipp as Chief Financial Officer (CFO).

Stuart will commence as CFO on 12 January 2012 and be based in Melbourne.

Stuart is a Chartered Accountant and has extensive financial management expertise. Most recently, he was Global Head of Tax for Agrium Asia Pacific Limited (AAPL), Australia's largest agricultural retailer, where he had key roles on various complex commercial projects including sales, acquisitions and integrations. He was acting CFO for Agrium during the period of the potential merger of AWB with Graincorp and the ultimate sale of AWB to Agrium and held senior positions at KPMG in London and Melbourne, where he was responsible for providing services to local and international clients.

He replaces Dean Langenbach, who has been CFO since July 2005. Mr Langenbach will remain with ASG as Chief Operating Officer (COO), taking on responsibility for all operational aspects of ASG's business.

ASG Chief Executive Officer Geoff Lewis said he was delighted to welcome someone of Stuart Whipp's calibre to the ASG executive team after an extensive search process.

"Stuart will play an important role in shaping the future strategy and growth of ASG, bringing a wealth of financial management experience, strong leadership skills, keen commercial acumen and a compelling strategic outlook to the role," Mr Lewis said.

"We believe that he has the personal attributes and vision to ensure that ASG is successful as a leading internationally competitive managed services business.

"I would like to thank Dean for his contribution to the Group and leadership throughout a key period in ASG's development and look forward to his ongoing contribution as COO."

Stuart Whipp said: "I am delighted to be joining ASG at this exciting time in the company's strategic development.

"I assume this role from Dean with the business in great shape, and look forward to working with him in his new position as COO.

"I also look forward to working with the Executive Team as we work together to harness the strength of ASG's enhanced business model to secure larger, long-term managed contracts and cement the Group's unique position as a domestic provider of large IT Services contracts."

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