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NEW WEBSITE FOR CARD PAYMENTS FORUM

The Australian Payments Clearing Association (APCA) announced today that the Card Payments Forum has launched a new website to provide information about the Forum and its meetings to broader participants in the card payments system.

The Card Payments Forum was established in August 2008 to promote industry debate on efficiency and competitiveness in the Australian payment card markets. It brings together key stakeholders in the Australian card payments system including financial institutions, merchants, card schemes, consumer groups and industry associations. The Forum's most recent meeting was held on 27 March 2009.

The information available on the new website www.cardpaymentsforum.com.au includes:

- General information about the Forum
- Research commissioned by the Forum
- Meeting materials including agendas and presentations
- Communiqués providing a summary of meeting proceedings

The next Forum meeting will be held in September 2009. For further information visit www.cardpaymentsforum.com.au.

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About Australian Payments Clearing Association (APCA)

APCA is Australia's payments industry association. Its role is to set, manage and develop regulations and standards governing payments clearing and settlement within Australia. APCA has around 80 members including banks, building societies, credit unions, the Reserve Bank and other participants across five clearing systems. Its clearing systems cover: cheques and other paper based payment instruments; direct entry (credit and debit payments); EFTPOS and ATM transactions; trading and distribution of bulk notes and coin between banks; and settlement of high value, real-time payments.