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## APCA APPOINTS NEW CEO

Dr Leila Fourie has been announced as the new CEO of the Australian Payments Clearing Association, the self-regulatory body for the payments industry.

Dr Fourie's business career spans more than 20 years working in consulting, investment banking, retail banking & capital markets. Her diverse experience has been acquired in some of South Africa's leading companies in these fields, including Accenture, Standard Bank and the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE).

Dr Fourie joins APCA from the JSE where she served on the board as executive director. Prior to this, Dr Fourie was Managing Director of the Card Division of Africa's largest bank, Standard Bank.

Rob Craig, Chair of APCA said, "We are excited to welcome Leila, who has a strong track record of driving change, and guiding industry-wide initiatives. The payments system is evolving rapidly and Leila is well-placed to lead industry through this time of change."

Through the course of her career, Dr Fourie has held senior executive positions and directorships of global portfolios, SA boards and US boards and has also served in the capacity as chairman of the board. Dr Fourie holds a PhD in Economic and Financial Sciences.

During her tenure at the JSE, Dr Fourie was instrumental in shaping and leading strategic transformations that have improved performance and changed the direction of the business. Her key contributions include leading and sponsoring a number of critical industry-wide initiatives, including the national flagship T+3 settlements project for financial markets in South Africa.

"I am thrilled to be joining APCA at this exciting time in Australian payments and I look forward to engaging the market and making a contribution to the future payments ecosystem." said Dr Fourie.

Dr Fourie's appointment is effective 12 September 2016. Andy White will continue his role as acting CEO until this time.

Dr Fourie replaces Chris Hamilton, who announced his resignation in February 2016 before leaving the organisation in early May 2016.

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