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### **IAPMO Establishes Australian Business Unit**

Ontario, CA (June 11, 2007) – In response to increased demand for product evaluation services from plumbing and mechanical product manufacturers in the Australian and New Zealand markets, the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) has established a new Australian business unit, [IAPMO R&T Oceana](#), in Melbourne.

“This is the first time IAPMO R&T and The IAPMO Group will be evaluating plumbing and mechanical products for markets outside of North America,” said GP Russ Chaney, executive director of The IAPMO Group. “Because the requirements in Australian and New Zealand standards are similar to U.S. and Canadian standards, our expertise in the area should make the transition relatively seamless. We’re very excited about expanding our reach.”

IAPMO R&T Oceana is accredited by the [Joint Accreditation System of Australia and New Zealand \(JAS-ANZ\)](#) to certify plumbing and drainage products to use the [WaterMark™](#), the Australian designation of regulatory compliance. Additionally, IAPMO R&T Oceana strongly supports the Australian government in enforcing the [Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards \(WELS\) Scheme](#), a federal mandate affecting manufacturers of plumbing products, sanitary ware, and white goods.

As an independent third-party agency, IAPMO R&T Oceana’s certification services help ensure quality manufacturing and business practices through standardized compliance programs. For more information, visit <http://www.iapmo.org/oceana>.

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