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## Open Spatial Australia Prepares For Future Demand

**AUSTRALIA, Syd., May 20, 2009**— Open Spatial Australia announces the senior appointment of their Solutions Architect, Gaby van Wyk. As anticipated, the demand for specialised geospatial software and services continues to drive the company to meet the challenges of new and existing customers.



Van Wyk has been involved in the GIS industry for the past twenty five (25) years at various international postings. Most recently he has spent two (2) years in Spain leading the Spatial Information Systems division for a Development Consortium (KB Servicios). Prior to his appointment in Spain, van Wyk spent many years in the GIS industry in South Africa. There he gained experience in the industry working on a wide variety of projects including Local Authorities, Mining, Petroleum & Oil, Telecommunications and Utilities.

Van Wyk was also part of the first group of GIS professionals to be registered officially under PLATO – the South African body responsible for professional registration of Spatial Sciences Professionals. He played a leading role in the development of unit standards for professional qualifications under the Standards Generating Body for the South African Qualifications Authority, as well as contributing to international standards under OGC and ISO. Apart from his work in standards, he spent three (3) years as a Senior Lecturer at the University of Pretoria, and chaired the Geo-Information of South Africa (GISSA) Board.

Experience at this level, plus his focus on Standardisation, Data Infrastructures and Education makes van Wyk a sought after resource in the Australasian Region.

Anthony Jahshan, Managing Director of Open Spatial Australia commented, *“While caution is the business mood of the day, at Open Spatial we’re optimistic that confidence will return to markets and spending, and we’ll be ready to address the needs of our customers. We’re extremely fortunate to have snared Gaby away from Spain, his experience and skills will make him an integral member of the Open Spatial Team. Gaby has embraced the Aussie work ethic and is already delivering valuable outcomes for our Clients.”*

Open Spatial Australia focuses on delivering Spatial Solutions to Government, in particular assisting government agencies in the better management of their infrastructure assets by *“Bridging the Gap Between Engineering and GIS”*. The Open Spatial Solution has been the fastest growing solution across Australian Water Infrastructure Businesses over the past 3 years.

Open Spatial is also announcing the relocation of its Sydney office to the Chatswood Business District. The new offices in Chatswood will include a modern training facility that will allow the company to provide formal off-site Training to its customers. More information to follow, the move is planned to be completed by 30 June 2009.

### About Open Spatial Australia Pty Ltd

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