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TFS Expands Its Australian Emissions Desk With the Hire of Michael Stone

NEW YORK, December 13, 2005 – TFS Australia Pty Ltd, a subsidiary of Compagnie Financière Tradition, today announced it has hired Michael Stone to manage its Australian/Asia Pacific environmental desk.

Michael is a highly valued acquisition to TFS, having been the Manager of Emerging Markets at the Southern Hydro Partnership in Melbourne. With his great experience and market background, he is well-equipped to cover this increasingly important market for TFS. Michael's previous experience includes Shell Developments Australia as Manager of Wholesale Markets and Senior Energy Trader/Analyst at Yallourn Energy.

TFS's environmental desk continues to grow, with the Company planning to announce more new hires in the future.

About TFS

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