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Stewart Weir & Co., Ltd. Expanding its Global Presence

Sherwood Park, AB: Stewart Weir CEO Brian Pearse today announced that the soon to be 100 year old Alberta based Geomatics and Civil Engineering firm will be setting up shop in the *Land-Down-Under*. After reviewing the detailed Business Plan, the Board of Directors gave the go-a-head to establish an office in Brisbane, Australia. Plans are moving forward for Stewart Weir Australia Proprietary Ltd (SWAPL), a full service Geomatics firm.

Stewart Weir started looking at the Australian market in early 2010, and they gained presence and credibility in Australia through a collaborative agreement with an established Australian company.

Although originally gaining access into the Australian market through Stewart Weir's pipeline expertise, this initiative is a Geomatics initiative. "Our proven experience in Geomatics in general and survey for pipeline construction in particular, is an invaluable asset in a region experiencing unparalleled growth," explains Pearse.

In addition, establishing SWAPL in early 2011 will allow the firm to take advantage of early entry in the marketplace and better positioned to be able to respond to upcoming opportunities.

According to Pearse it will be a very busy and exciting year for Stewart Weir, "we have done our due diligence and now it's time to execute our plan." The plan recommends hiring a combination of both Canadian and Australian staff so that there will be a harmonized knowledge and technology transfer.

The future looks bright for Stewart Weir, declares an optimistic Pearse. "Stewart Weir Australia will be a significant addition to the Stewart Weir Group of Companies." Pearse also adds, that this initiative aligns with and supports the company's 2016 Strategic Vision: *Embracing the globe, igniting our passion*.

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