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## media release

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### **South Bank announces Abigroup as Butterfly House Developer**

South Bank Corporation has approved national engineering and construction company Abigroup's plans for a three storey development on the former Butterfly House site located in the heart of South Bank.

South Bank Chief Executive Officer Malcolm Snow said the Corporation is delighted with the clear and dynamic vision Abigroup will bring to the Precinct.

"The Abigroup proposal exhibits outstanding design qualities and will be a worthy contributor to the Precinct's continued success."

"The Butterfly House site is one of the significant elements of South Bank's physical plan still to be realised and is further evidence of the evolution of South Bank into a dynamic and sustainable urban precinct," Mr Snow said.

The development to be designed by Cox Rayner and John Mainwaring incorporates two levels of office space to be occupied by Abigroup, ground floor retail spaces and an upper basement level earmarked for use by South Bank Corporation as an operational servicing facility.

Mr Snow said the building's dual frontage will improve the quality of the public environment, providing a stronger link between Little Stanley Street and the Stanley Street Plaza.

Abigroup's Queensland General Manager John Kirkwood said they were very pleased to be named preferred developer.

"South Bank is the heart of Brisbane in terms of tourism, entertainment, arts and café-culture and we are excited to have acquired such a high profile site," Mr Kirkwood said.

He said the new building will also be designed to five star Green Star environmental standards.

"Abigroup has always been committed to delivering projects that show consideration for the environment and this was an important factor in the South Bank development as evidenced through the design parameters specified in the original call for tenders.

"South Bank's goal of building a 5-star Green Star rated building indicated to us that the environment and well-being of the occupants were of prime importance. This made it an attractive proposition for Abigroup," Mr Kirkwood said.

South Bank Corporation and Abigroup have reached agreement for the development of the site and will submit lease documentation to the Minister for approval before proceeding. Construction is expected to commence in late 2007.

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### **Further information:**

The approval to proceed with the development follows public consultation and an amendment to South Bank's Approved Development Plan last year.

Abigroup Contractors is one of Australia's largest engineering, building and asset development companies. Abigroup undertakes works in all areas of engineering and has almost half a century of building experience across a range of development styles.

Abigroup has delivered building projects ranging from healthcare facilities, educational institutions, major commercial offices and residential developments to hotels, resorts, Olympic sporting facilities and airports.

In recent years Abigroup has strengthened its building business through core contracting activities, participating in public private partnerships, alliances, consortiums and joint ventures.

Other projects currently being undertaken by Abigroup include the \$140m Mater Mothers' Hospital, the \$65m Australian Institute of Bioscience and Nanotechnology at the University of Queensland and the \$65m Blue on Blue Resort on Magnetic Island.

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