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Board Appointment – AIA Australia

Melbourne 29 March 2010 – AIA Australia Limited is pleased to announce the appointment of Theresa Gattung as Non-Executive Chair of its Board of Directors, having joined the Board as a Director in July 2009.

Prior to her appointment to the AIA Australia Board, Ms Gattung was Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Telecom New Zealand, from 1999 to 2007. Prior to that, she was Chief Manager, Marketing for the Bank of New Zealand and a Senior Marketing Manager at National Mutual between 1987 and 1990. Ms Gattung holds a Bachelor of Laws and a Bachelor of Management (Hons). She is also Chair of New Zealand Company Wool Partners International, set up to re-energise New Zealand's wool sector.

Mark Wilson, AIA Group Chief Executive Officer and President said: "We are fortunate to have a Director of Theresa's calibre on the Australian Board.

"Since joining the Board, Theresa's willingness to play an active role has served to strengthen the existing Board and compliment the extensive experience of the other Directors," Mr Wilson said.

Ms Gattung succeeds Raymond Jones who has held the Chair since 2007. Mr Jones will remain as one of the Board's 5 other Directors.

Ms Gattung said, "I am delighted to accept the offer of Chairing AIA Australia's Board, after the last eight months being on the Board which has been a pleasure.

"I am energised by AIA Australia's successful management team which has demonstrated an absolute focus on achieving its goals through smart, customer focussed strategies," she said.

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Ms Gattung has been named in Fortune magazine's list of the 50 most powerful women in international business several times since 2002 and in 2006 she was named in Forbes's list of the world's most powerful women across any sphere.

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About AIA Australia

AIA Australia Limited (ABN 79 004 837 861 AFSL 230043) has been operating in Australia for over 30 years. AIA Australia is a subsidiary of American International Assurance Company, Ltd. and a specialist provider of life insurance products aimed at protecting the financial health and welfare of Australians.

AIA Australia is the country's number one group life insurer by market share. In 2009, several of its life insurance products have been recognised through industry awards commending value for money, best Term & TPD product and outstanding value Income Protection insurance.

About the AIA Group

The AIA Group is a leading life insurance organisation in Asia Pacific that traces its roots in the region back more than 90 years. It provides individuals and businesses with products and services for life insurance, retirement planning, accident and health insurance as well as wealth management solutions. Through an extensive network of more than 320,000 agents and approximately 23,500 employees across 15 geographical markets, the AIA Group serves the holders of over 23 million in-force policies in the region.

The AIA Group has branch offices, subsidiaries and affiliates located in jurisdictions including Australia, Brunei, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Macau, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam.

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