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Subject: Snowy Hydro Limited announces new 5 year, \$2.15 million sponsorship of Snowy Hydro SouthCare Helicopter

At the SouthCare Gala Dinner and Auction held on Saturday 29 April, Snowy Hydro Limited Managing Director, Terry Charlton, announced a new 5 year sponsorship contract with SouthCare Aero-Medical and Rescue Helicopter Service worth \$2.15 million.

The new 5 year sponsorship extends Snowy Hydro Limited existing arrangements which expire mid this year. Snowy Hydro Limited is committed to ensuring this essential and invaluable asset to communities in the ACT and south-east NSW remains viable and saving lives.

Managing Director of Snowy Hydro Limited, Terry Charlton said "Snowy Hydro Limited will provide more than \$2 million to the service over the next 5 years and we have agreed in principle to an option for a further contract out to 2016. This 5 year sponsorship will directly fund over 500 missions to save lives. There has been tremendous co-operation and win-win by both our organisations in the past and again now in making this new sponsorship arrangement happen. Snowy Hydro Limited is proud to come on board once again. This agreement cements our support for this vital community service and our support for the region in which we operate."

Mr Charlton was joined on the night by representatives of the Snowy Mountains region including Mayor Roger Norton from Cooma Monaro Shire Council, Mayor Richard Wallace from Snowy River Shire Council, Deputy Mayor James Hayes from Tumut Shire Council and Deputy Mayor Graham Smith from Tumbarumba Shire Council.

Chairman of the SouthCare Helicopter Fund, Len Goodman said "I sincerely thank Snowy Hydro Limited for this new sponsorship. It ensures the viability of this service well into the future. This new \$2.15 million contract is an overwhelming example of Snowy Hydro's commitment to our "Angel of Mercy" and our region. We have forged a partnership between two icons. At SouthCare we are proud to continue our partnership with Snowy Hydro Limited and to be a strong and identifiable public expression of proven community service for which we are both renowned and respected, thank you Snowy Hydro".

The 2006 Snowy Hydro SouthCare Gala Dinner and Auction raised over \$70,000 for the Helicopter Service. Held at the National Convention Centre in Canberra, it was attended by over 400 people. Master of ceremonies for the night was John Blackman and entertainment was provided by "Babba".

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