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## **Mellor Gray Architects Merge with Crawford Architects**

SYDNEY, Australia. (November 22, 2006) – John Crawford, co-founding partner of Crawford Architects, and Tony Gray, a co-founding partner of Mellor Gray Architects, announced that the two architectural practices have merged.

“This merger brings together a group of highly experienced architects and interior designers, with broad areas of expertise,” said Crawford. “Our clients will benefit from having Tony Gray and Steve Mellor on our team. For some time now, we have been thinking about how Crawford Architects can offer our services to an expanded client base.” Crawford added, “Tony, Steve and their team bring with them particular skills in project types including industrial, medium-and high-density residential, and inter-modal freight terminals – markets where Crawford would like to broaden its portfolio. But at the same time, the two firms share many complementary project types, including master planning, sports architecture, commercial, retail and licensed recreational clubs.”

Commenting from the firm’s Kansas City, Missouri office, Stacey Jones, Crawford’s colleague and fellow co-founder of the firm, added, “It’s a professional boon for us to add Tony and Steve’s talents, experience and clients to our expanding business. On a personal note, the three of us graduated from the University of Newcastle in the early 80s. We’ve known each other for 30 years – it’s like a reunion of sorts!”

Gray has experience in a wide range of projects types including residential, retail, clubs and entertainment, industrial and commercial. His most recent projects include master planning for the Gore Hill Technology Park to be located on the prominent inner-city site of the old ABC broadcasting studios at Gore Hill, Sydney. In addition, Gray has been involved in numerous residential developments across the city ranging from single-family houses to inner-city high-rises.

Steve Mellor has special expertise in industrial projects, retail and business parks. His work over the last 10 years includes large industrial and bulky-goods retail projects, and urban residential apartment developments throughout the Sydney basin. Mellor has recently undertaken a range of commissions including an Inter-modal Inland Freight Terminal at Bathurst NSW, upgrading the historic Carrington Hotel and Imperial Hotel in the Blue Mountains, and fit-out work for the NSW Department of Sport & Recreation.

Mellor Gray's infusion of personnel brings the combined resources of the Crawford MGA merger to 40 design professionals in Sydney and the United States. The Sydney arm of the firm will continue as Crawford MGA Pty Ltd and out of Crawford's offices at Suite 100, Jones Bay Wharf, Pyrmont NSW 2009.

Crawford's current projects include:

- the \$78 million Vector Arena in Auckland, New Zealand, a 12,000 seat multi-purpose arena and exhibition facility scheduled to open by the end of 2006;
- the Darwin Convention and Exhibition Centre in association with Hassell architects, the anchor building of a \$1.1 billion mixed-use development scheduled for completion in 2008;
- the \$90 million Gore Hill Technology Park, a 68,000 sq.m. high-tech industrial business park on Sydney's lower north shore; and
- the \$50 million recreational business club and commercial office building about to commence in Hurstville, Sydney.

*About Crawford Architects:*

*Crawford Architects is a full-service architecture, planning and interior design practice with offices in Sydney, Australia and Kansas City, Mo., U.S.A. Crawford offers faster project development timelines by taking advantage of several time zones between the Sydney and Kansas City offices. Simply put, projects can be worked on virtually around the clock with two shifts per day. For more information about the firm, visit [www.crawfordarch.com](http://www.crawfordarch.com) or call 61 2 9660 3644 (Sydney office) or 816-421-2640 (Kansas City office).*

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