



**Steve Vamos appointed Vice President, International,
Online Services Group**

Steve Vamos promoted from Vice President, Microsoft Australia and New Zealand (ANZ) and Managing Director, Microsoft Australia to U.S based role overseeing international online services for Microsoft Corporation.

Sydney, Australia – 5 December, 2006 – Microsoft Corporation today announced the appointment of Steve Vamos as Vice President, International, Online Services Group effective April 2007.

Mr Vamos, who will be based in Seattle, will be responsible for Microsoft's global subsidiary online services, in all countries outside the United States.

"Steve brings the ideal mix of experience and passion to this important growth area for Microsoft," said Mr Steve Berkowitz, Senior Vice President, Online Services Group.

"Steve's experience in the technology industry and his past experience as CEO of our ninemsn joint venture equip him very well to lead our international efforts."

Mr Vamos has served as ANZ Regional Vice President for Microsoft, and Managing Director, Microsoft Australia and New Zealand since February 2003.

Previously, he was Chief Executive Officer (1998-2003) of the Publishing Broadcasting Limited and Microsoft joint venture company, ninemsn. Under his leadership, ninemsn grew from a start-up into a leading online content and interactive software media company in Australia. Steve has remained on the ninemsn board since taking up his position as Managing Director, Microsoft ANZ, and will continue to do so in this new role.

"I have always had enormous interest and passion for the possibilities of the Internet, so the move to this new role is one that I am extremely excited about," said Mr Vamos.

"It blends and builds on the many experiences I have had during my 25 years in the technology industry, and puts me at the heart of Microsoft's efforts in the online services space.

"The management team of Microsoft in ANZ is a very strong one, and I expect them to continue to build on the progress we have made over the past four years to strengthen our relationships with customers, partners, Government, industry and the community."

Steve will continue in his role as founding President of the *Australian Society for Knowledge Economics*, an organisation with a mandate to improve how the contribution of knowledge based resources can be managed and measured to drive productivity and economic growth.

Microsoft expects to announce a successor for Mr Vamos' prior to his move to his new role in April, 2007.

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