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MEDIA RELEASE

Austcare appoints new Chief Executive Officer

Australian-based international aid organisation, Austcare, is pleased to announce the appointment of Archie Law as Chief Executive Officer.

Archie is a post conflict specialist who has worked in conflict affected environments throughout Asia, the Middle East and Africa during his career with the United Nations and non governmental organisations.

From February 2007 to 31 March 2008, Archie was Austcare's Deputy Chief Executive Officer, a role that has truly prepared him to be at the helm of the organisation and to lead the affiliation process with the international anti-poverty agency ActionAid International.

The appointment is in line with Archie's passion for, and experience in working with people affected by conflicts and natural disasters.

Archie has extensive Mine Action and Cluster Munitions campaigning experience, and demonstrated skills in leading change management processes and policy development.

His prior appointments include: Regional Conflict Prevention and Recovery Advisor (Africa) for the United Nations Development Program's (UNDP) Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery (BCPR) based in Johannesburg; Policy Development and Inter-agency Coordinator for the UN's Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO) in New York; Cambodia Program Manager for the Mines Advisory Group (MAG); and Emergency Relief Projects Manager for World Vision Australia.

Archie Law has a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) and a Master of Arts in International Relations. His thesis was on "The UN, Regional Organisations and Conflict Prevention: Lessons learned from the FYROM and Rwanda".

In the earlier part of his career, Archie was a professional musician. The group he played with, the *Huxton Creepers*, released three albums and gave over 500 live appearances throughout Australia.

Austcare is a wholly Australian-based, independent, specialist humanitarian aid and development organisation that is non-profit, non-sectarian and non-political. It was founded in 1967 and its mission is to work with people affected by conflict and natural disaster to build human security.

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