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Future Secured for Snowy Hydro SouthCare

Residents of the ACT and South East NSW can have peace of mind that the Snowy Hydro SouthCare Helicopter Service will continue to provide life-saving and rescue services to the region until 2012. This is the result of a new contract that has recently been awarded to the Service.

In addition to the new contract the Service has also been buoyed with the announcement of three new corporate partnerships: John James Memorial Foundation (\$50,000), Capital Chemist (\$30,000), and Canberra Yellow (\$25,000). Canberra Milk and Dairy Farmers have also renewed their \$75,000 partnership for a further 12 months.

A ceremony to sign the new agreement and launch the new partnerships will be held at Federation Mall on the lawns in front of Parliament House on Thursday 4 September 2008 commencing at 10.00am. The logos of the three new sponsors will be proudly displayed on the helicopter when it lands at Federation Mall.

"Snowy Hydro SouthCare is very pleased to be able to continue to serve the local community until 2012 and the support of John James Memorial Foundation, Capital Chemist and Canberra Yellow will greatly assist to keep the helicopter in the air and saving lives," said Mr David Marshall, Chairman Snowy Hydro SouthCare Helicopter Fund. "The continuation of the contract reflects very well on the highly-trained and dedicated members of the helicopter team," he said.

"The footprint covered by this helicopter, and the exceptional team that operate it, fits very neatly with that of Capital Chemist. And so it is entirely appropriate that Capital Chemist supports the Snowy Hydro SouthCare helicopter," said Mr Peter Downing Group Business Manager Capital Chemist.

"The Canberra Yellow regional office is enormously proud to be partnering with the Snowy Hydro SouthCare Helicopter Service. Local communities are the heartland of Yellow, which is why the business supports regional community projects around the country. The \$25,000 contribution Yellow is putting towards the helicopter service is the first in a series of local organisations Yellow will be getting behind over the next 12 months," said Mr Scott Innes from Yellow.

"The John James Memorial Foundation is extremely pleased to be able to support this wonderful Service. We admire the wonderful work done by the outstanding aircrew, paramedics and flight physicians and are glad that we can assist to keep the helicopter in the air and saving lives," said Mr Peter Williams, Chief Executive Officer, John James Memorial Foundation.

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