

## Media Release

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### **New Managing Director, Australia, appointed to leading IP firm Spruson & Ferguson**

IPH Limited (IPH) is pleased to announce the appointment of Russell Davies as Managing Director, Australia, of leading IP firm Spruson & Ferguson. Russell was previously the Executive General Manager of respected Australian IP firm, Shelston IP. Both Spruson & Ferguson and Shelston IP are members of the IPH Group.

Russell has more than 29 years' experience in the IP profession, 23 of these years with Shelston IP. He has held a number of senior leadership positions since 2008 and is a Registered Australian and New Zealand Patent and Trade Mark Attorney.

IPH Managing Director & CEO Dr Andrew Blattman, said, "Russell stood out in a very competitive executive search process and we are delighted that we have been able to support another one of our people to grow and progress their career within the IPH Group."

"Russell is a highly regarded leader in Shelston IP, and will no doubt bring these leadership qualities, along with his wealth of knowledge of the industry, into this new role."

Russell said it was an honour to be chosen to lead a preeminent business in the Australian IP market.

"Spruson & Ferguson is an iconic brand with a rich heritage, a highly skilled team and an enviable client base. I look forward to continuing to drive the firm's strategy of delivering the highest standard of service to our clients here in Australia and through IPH's expanded network in the region," he said.

Russell commenced his new role on 17 August 2020. Shelston IP Principal, Chris Bevitt will step into the role of acting Managing Director of Shelston IP, with an executive search process to be undertaken to replace Russell in the second half of FY21.

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#### **About IPH Limited**

IPH Limited ("IPH", ASX:IPH), the holding company of AJ Park, Griffith Hack, Pizzeys, Practice Insight, Shelston IP and Spruson & Ferguson, is the leading intellectual property ("IP") services group in the Asia-Pacific region offering a wide range of IP services and products. These services are provided across Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, the Pacific Islands and Asia from offices in Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne, Canberra, Perth, Auckland, Wellington, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Jakarta, Beijing, Hong Kong and Bangkok. The group comprises a multidisciplinary team of approximately 900 people, including some of the most highly regarded IP professionals in the Asia-Pacific region. The team services a diverse client base of Fortune Global 500 companies and other multinationals, public sector research organisations, foreign associates and local clients. IPH was the first IP services group to list on the Australian Securities Exchange.