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Schiavello Acquires MAP International Furniture

MELBOURNE – November 20, 2013 - Schiavello, one of Australia's largest designers and manufacturers of commercial furniture, today announces the acquisition of MAP International Furniture (MAP), a renowned designer of classic contemporary furniture for residential, hospitality and commercial environments.

Schiavello's acquisition of MAP advances its commitment to collaborating with leading design talent to further develop and shape the Schiavello product range. The combination of MAP's exciting range of classic contemporary furniture, and Schiavello's extensive design, engineering and manufacturing capabilities, and global logistics network, will increase the value and range of options for clients. For MAP's passionate base of long standing customers, the next stage of MAP will give them greater access and service than ever before.

"We are pleased to align ourselves with such a respected brand, that shares our passion for design, and belief that anything is possible," says Peter Schiavello, Managing Director of Schiavello Group. "Together, we will offer our clients a broader set of solutions and opportunities to achieve their aspirations."

MAP is a pioneer in Australian contemporary furniture, founded in 1988 by Melbourne-based partners Chris Connell and Raoul Hogg. The company applies new and old manufacturing processes, semi-precious materials, and handcrafted detailing to create beautiful products designed to last a lifetime. With Connell at the helm of design, MAP's aesthetic strives for classic, timeless simplicity through attention to detail and honest use of materials. Lauded internationally for excellence in design, MAP's iconic Pepe chair has been in permanent collection in the Museum of Modern Art, New York, since 1995.

"From the very beginning we've always tried to push the boundaries of what can be done," says Raoul Hogg. "As part of the Schiavello family, MAP can continue to explore the possibilities of Australian contemporary design, but with the support of Schiavello behind us."

The MAP by Schiavello range is now available, with products spanning tables, chairs, lounges, and other occasional furniture. These products include Flow, Square, Strip and Stripper, Thinner Timber, Round Cross, Tablets, Tea, Stax, Graphio and Graphio 2, Ring and Fez. Chris Connell, co-founder and principal designer for MAP, is excited to maintain his involvement with the brand.

As residential trends continue to inspire commercial environments, there is a demand for furniture that represents a fusion of each. MAP products are extremely versatile, and offer solutions for high end residential settings, and a wide range of commercial spaces.

About MAP International Furniture (MAP): MAP has established itself as a renowned designer of classic contemporary furniture for domestic, hospitality and commercial environments. Founded in Melbourne in 1988 by partners Raoul Hogg and Chris Connell, MAP has delivered an amazing and diverse range of residential and commercial projects that earned the company significant recognition around the world. To learn more about MAP, visit www.mapinternational.com.au. To view the entire MAP by Schiavello range, visit www.schiavello.com/map

About Chris Connell: Chris Connell has over 40 years experience within the architecture, interior design, and furniture industries. Along with partner Raoul Hogg, Connell is a co-founder of MAP International Furniture, and has been at the helm of design at the company since the beginning. Connell has a reputation for elegantly shaping residential, retail and hospitality interiors while design and manufacturing objects and furniture. He strives for simplicity through attention to detail and honest use of materials. Connell is also the founder of Chris Connell Design, a small, award-winning interior design and architecture studio based in Melbourne.

About Schiavello: Schiavello, a top 100 Australian private company built on quality, service excellence and innovation, has been creating and servicing world-class work and living environments for over 47 years. Schiavello is internationally renowned for the design and manufacture of furniture, from highly intelligent workstations and task seating, to statement pieces and storage. The company is also one of Australia's most respected interior construction specialists, with vast interior, project, and construction experience across office, hospitality, health, education, residential and retail sectors. For more information about Schiavello, visit www.schiavello.com.