

**ASX/Media Release****18 July 2011****NEXTDC ANNOUNCES SECURE DATA CENTRE FACILITIES IN CANBERRA AND PERTH**

The Directors of NEXTDC Limited (**ASX:NXT**) ("**the Company**" or "**NEXTDC**") are pleased to advise that the Company has secured two additional data centre facilities to enable the cloud revolution.

**CANBERRA**

The first facility in Canberra, which has been secured under a long term lease arrangement, provides NEXTDC with an existing purpose-built and highly secure data centre facility that was previously occupied by a major Government agency.

This strategically located facility is approximately 6 kms northwest of ACT's capital city of Canberra offering excellent access to major public infrastructures. The purpose-built data centre was constructed to a very high level standard to meet the ASIO-T4 physical security specification and provides complex and specialised engineering services to provide high levels of service and reliability including two on-site substations.

Additionally, the facility is well connected by Telstra, Optus and ICON (Intra Government Communications Network) fibres critical in offering secure and reliable connectivity to both Government and cloud providers.

Situated on an approximately 26,800m<sup>2</sup> site, this 6,000m<sup>2</sup> data centre facility features an existing 1,300m<sup>2</sup> operational data hall and subject to utility upgrades, the data hall can be expanded further to provide approximately 2,000m<sup>2</sup> to 2,500m<sup>2</sup> of total technical space along with ancillary office and plant areas.

NEXTDC CEO Bevan Slattery said the Company's new highly secure and highly connected Cloud Centre in Canberra will provide an excellent platform for service providers to offer cloud based services to Government agencies as the Australian Government develop its cloud framework by December 2011.

"Cloud providers are looking to service Federal Government agencies, ideally want to house their critical infrastructures in an independent, secure and well-connected data centre. NEXTDC's Canberra facility ticks every box and reinforces NEXTDC's commitment to becoming Australia's leading Independent "Cloud Enabler" for corporate, government and cloud providers", Mr Slattery added.

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The long term lease arrangement for the Canberra site is consistent with the NEXTDC Board's decision to pursue our capital efficiency objectives. NEXTDC also intends to undertake a capital recycling program covering our 100% owned sites.

The Australian Government's business operations are highly dependent upon Information and Communications Technology (ICT), with an estimated \$4.3 billion annual ICT expenditure. Cloud hosted end-to end services is expected to improve business outcomes through eliminating redundancy, increasing agility and providing ICT services at a potentially cheaper cost. The Australian Government's Cloud Computing Strategic Direction Paper can be found at Department of Finance and Deregulation's website.

## **PERTH**

NEXTDC is also pleased to advise that it now has completed a site acquisition last Friday (15<sup>th</sup> of July 2011) to construct a purpose-built facility in Perth.

This strategically located site is in Malaga Western Australia, approximately 11 kilometres northeast of Perth's CBD and also offers excellent access to major public and telecommunications infrastructures. The facility is in close proximity of a major electricity substation and has fibre optic infrastructure from Nextgen, Amcom, Optus and Telstra at the street. A purpose-built data centre will be constructed to a standard to meet high level security and engineering specifications.

Situated on an approximately 8,100m<sup>2</sup> site, it is estimated that this 8,000m<sup>2</sup> data centre facility will feature 3,000m<sup>2</sup> of fully operational data halls offering high density technical space together with ancillary office and plant space in second half of 2012 calendar year.

## **NATIONAL CLOUD CENTRE FOOTPRINT**

Both the Canberra and Perth sites expand NEXTDC's national coverage with strategic footprint in all major growth markets in Australia namely, Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney, Perth and Canberra for the cloud computing revolution.

The combination of the proposed NEXTDC facilities would result in approximately 32 MW of capacity and 17,000m<sup>2</sup> of high density technical space.

The Company expects to provide a comprehensive business update by end of July 2011.

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**ABOUT NEXTDC**

NEXTDC was established in May 2010 by one of Australia's most successful information technology and internet entrepreneurs, Mr Bevan Slattery, to build and operate carrier and systems integrator neutral data centres in Australia and New Zealand. The Company is planning to offer a range of highly flexible, scalable, resilient, energy efficient and secure data centres and related services to corporate, government and wholesale customers.

NEXTDC's purpose-built facilities are being designed to address the market's growing appetite for energy efficient, neutral facilities in which organisations can host their critical IT infrastructure, and also to address the emergence and growth of cloud (internet-based) computing.

As a cloud enabler, NEXTDC's enterprise-class data centre facilities address the challenges of security, connectivity and neutrality that have hindered the wider acceptance of cloud computing.

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