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New Operator of the Australian Synchrotron

*The Australian Synchrotron will be operated by **Synchrotron Light Source Australia**, a subsidiary of the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO) from 1 January 2013.*

Australian Synchrotron Company Ltd (ASCo) and Australian Synchrotron Holding Company Pty Ltd (ASHCo) held an Extraordinary General Meeting at the Australian Synchrotron on Friday 26 October 2012. At this meeting, the Members and Shareholders voted unanimously to accept resolutions which will enable the appointment of a new operator of the facility.

The Directors are pleased to advise that the approval of the resolutions will also enable the execution of the Operations Services Agreement (OSA) which secures the \$100 million, four-year funding arrangement for the Australian Synchrotron to 30 June 2016.

The approval of this important agreement allows **Synchrotron Light Source Australia** to be appointed the new operator of the Australian Synchrotron. Synchrotron Light Source Australia is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO).

The Directors of the Australian Synchrotron are appreciative of the diligent and collaborative work of the management teams from both companies over many months to ensure this important outcome for the long term viability of the Australian Synchrotron.

ANSTO has a long history of operating complex technology, landmark infrastructure and scientific facilities. It will bring relevant expertise to the Australian Synchrotron. Like the Australian Synchrotron, ANSTO is a user focused scientific organisation.

The Directors express their particular gratitude to the Victorian and Federal Governments and the university community for their ongoing support and commitment which has enabled the Australian Synchrotron to become the world class research facility that it is today.

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