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Market closes down at end of week



AUSTRALIAN shares closed slightly lower on Friday, despite an intra-day recovery as bargain hunters swooped after substantial falls in materials stocks.

Dollar rebounds after overnight losses



THE Australian dollar has recovered most of its overnight losses after a heavy fall overnight on the back of plummeting commodity prices.

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PERTH Convention Bureau director of business development, Paul Beeson has been promoted to CEO following the resignation of Christine Allen in April.

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PCB chairman Ian Laurance was delighted to promote an existing staff member to the re-titled position of chief executive officer, providing a seamless transition to the Bureau's ongoing operations and ensuring there is no hiccup in its impressive sales performance.

"He had outstanding sales and marketing experience and demonstrated leadership skills prior to joining the Bureau three years ago," Mr Laurance said.

Mr Laurance said the fact that Mr Beeson had last month been named national 'Business Development Person of the Year' by the business tourism industry's peak body, Meetings and Events Australia, was testimony to his sales and marketing skills.

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Mr Beeson's impressive achievement in securing \$35 million worth of convention business in 2009-2010 had contributed more than 37 per cent of the Bureau's record total sales result of \$93 million.

"Christine has been an inspirational leader who has achieved record results," Mr Laurance added.

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Mr Laurance said the Board had decided to change the chief title in order to bring the Perth Convention Bureau into line with bureau in other capital cities.

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