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The second phase to recovering Wales

South Wales Chamber of Commerce (SWCC) launched its National Recovery Plan for Wales (NRP) in January 2010 and can now reveal its Task and Finish Group – a private sector panel who will drive the NRP forward.

The NRP looks at the key challenges facing Wales and what the private sector can do to aid in the economic recovery for Wales: rising unemployment, business competition, new manufacturing, growing business, supplier development and a falling economy.

The Task and Finish Group will be driven by influential private sector businesses from a variety of industries within Wales, and accompanied by business support organisations with a strong influence on policy.

Amongst the Task and Finish Group are Terry Hicks Managing Director of Hicks Logistics Ltd, Paul Ragan Director of Collateral Thinking, Matthew Prosser Commercial Director of Severnside Recycling, Richard Matthews Managing Director of Freshbaked, Professor Brian Morgan Professor at Cardiff School and Management and Stuart Taylor Vice President of SWCC and Head of External Relations, Wales for Royal Mail Group Ltd.

David Russ, Managing Director of the South Wales Chamber of Commerce, said:
“The group will have approximately two months to develop a plan and begin the delivery process for an immediate reaction following the upturn of the recession.

“We had hoped the NRP would create a dialogue that will see the business community working closely with the Welsh Assembly Government (WAG) and this is beginning to happen.

“Round table discussions have taken place with WAG that SWCC have been involved with and WAG will soon be meeting with a panel of our members to seek their opinion on the Welsh economy and suggestions to move forward. 2010 is already seeing positive changes for businesses.”

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Notes for editors

The National Recovery Plan for Wales can be viewed via the South Wales Chamber of Commerce website www.southwaleschamber.co.uk.

The South Wales Chamber of Commerce is the ultimate business network in South Wales and now incorporates the West Wales Chamber of Commerce. The chamber exists to provide a regional voice and offer support to businesses pan South Wales.

Since merging with the West Wales Chamber of Commerce, the South Wales Chamber of Commerce now represents over 1000 businesses and 100,000 employees.

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