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SHAPE AUSTRALIA ANNOUNCES REGIONAL MANAGER APPOINTMENT

Leading Australian fitout and refurbishment company SHAPE Australia has appointed a new Regional Manager for the Northern Territory, Nicholas Mills.

The appointment is an indication of the company's ongoing dedication to bringing world class project delivery to companies big and small in the region.

With expertise in fitout and refurbishments of every scale, and almost 10 years of experience in sectors including government, education and hospitality, Mr Mills will be driving innovation in the industry.

He sees the move to the Northern Territory as one where he can continue leading best practice, just as the company has done since first opening an office in Darwin in 2007.

"SHAPE Australia is a really people-driven organisation and I'm excited to be furthering my responsibilities, tasked with heading up a division that has delivered amazing projects in the NT. This includes the Family Law Courts, the NT office of EY (formerly Ernst & Young) and possibly most notably, the striking Sails in the Desert – Ayres Rock Resort," he said.

Mr Mills' move won't be an altogether new one. After joining the company in 2008 as a site manager in New South Wales, he has gone on to coordinate the delivery of projects across the Northern Territory, South Australia and Western Australia, basing himself at the various SHAPE Australia locations across the nation.

In 2015, he transitioned into a project management role, where he most recently oversaw a \$14 million project for the Australian Tax Office's Perth premises.

Completed in April, the refurbishment aims to generate collaborative work practices, uniformity of workspace and administration efficiency.

Spearheaded by Mr Mills, the five-floor fitout featured a five-stage program that allowed all other levels of the building to be fully operational while each stage was completed. The result is a vibrant new workplace for Australian Tax Office staff.

Mr Mills said he was excited about returning to the NT and sees opportunity with his honed skills to draw from experience working on high profile projects across Australia.

"I see this as a terrific opportunity and look forward to helping steer SHAPE into its next evolution in the Northern Territory," Mr Mills said.

"I'll be dedicating my focus to identifying opportunities, building the sales pipeline, converting work and delivering leading fitout and refurbishment solutions for the Northern Territory market.

"SHAPE recognises the opportunity here and I can't wait to get back to identifying the solutions unique to the territory's way of living and working."

SHAPE CEO Michael Barnes said the promotion of Mr Mills is a reminder of the outstanding people at SHAPE, and why it provides such a great service to clients.

"Nicholas has done an excellent job leading projects across our business to great success and we look forward to seeing him continue to drive these high achievements in the Northern Territory," Mr Barnes said.

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About SHAPE

SHAPE is one of Australia's largest specialist fit out and refurbishment companies, with an annual turnover of \$450 million and a staff of more than 300 people nationally. SHAPE has offices in each mainland state and territory and is a privately owned company. SHAPE delivers commercial projects both small and large for private and government organisations.

With a focus on collaboration and zero disruption to business operations, SHAPE brings a partnership approach to understanding client needs and targeting defect free projects delivered on time.