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### **Chubb Security licensed to join Australia's safest workplaces**

The Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission today granted a licence for Chubb Security Services Limited to self-insure under the Commonwealth's workers' compensation and workplace safety scheme, Comcare.

"Under Comcare, national companies in competition with Commonwealth authorities can self-insure rather than remaining in State-based workers' compensation schemes", Acting CEO of Comcare, Mr Martin Dolan said today.

"Comcare has consistently delivered Australia's safest workplaces through lower injury rates than other Australian schemes. Joining Comcare means joining Australia's safest workplaces", Mr Dolan said today.

The licence is granted under the *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988* (the SRC Act) and ensures that Chubb Security Services Limited employees will be covered for the Comcare workers' compensation and OH&S.

The Commission includes representatives from unions, other Government agencies, licensees, the ACT Government and Comcare as well as people with relevant experience and expertise. Chubb's licence commences on 1 July 2007.

"To be approved to join the Comcare scheme, Chubb had to meet rigorous OH&S standards and ensure it had the capacity to cover any workers' compensation claims", Mr Dolan said.

Chubb will join other self-insurers including Telstra, Australia Post, John Holland, Linfox, Optus, and National Australia Bank.

"By joining Comcare these companies have made a commitment to delivering Australia's safest workplaces. Comparative analysis of State and Federal schemes shows Comcare's is the safest", Mr Dolan said.

After receiving evidence of their performance as self-insurers, the Commission also extended the self-insurance licenses of CSL Limited, Linfox Armaguard Pty Ltd, Linfox Australia Pty Ltd, Optus Administration Pty Ltd, the Reserve Bank of Australia, and Visionstream Pty Ltd. Their licenses have been extended until 30 June 2011.

There are now 18 licenced self-insurers under the SRC Act. They are part of a Comcare scheme that provides the most effective and fair compensation for injured workers combined with the best return to work outcomes and the lowest injury rate amongst Australian schemes.

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