



**IN BRIEF >>>**

**MERKEL HEADS NZ FORAY BY INMOTION**

Brisbane-based InMotion Engineering has extended its international reach into New Zealand and South America with the deployment of a new sales and accounts manager who will be based in Auckland.



*Paul Merkel: InMotion.*

Paul Merkel's role as New Zealand national account manager marks InMotion's first foray into New Zealand since the company merged with the well-known Mercer group in 2007. InMotion managing director Neil O'Hare said Mr Merkel would help the company make significant inroads into the New Zealand marketplace, and to its growing presence in South America. He was previously employed with Mercer. [www.inmotion.net.au](http://www.inmotion.net.au) ■

**SWANSON JOINS COLLIERS COMMERCIAL RESEARCH**

Colliers International has appointed Helen Swanson as Queensland commercial research manager, based in the company's Brisbane office. Ms Swanson will be responsible for the collection, collation and compilation of research data covering the industrial, office and retail sectors, including the Colliers International Market Indicator Reports. She will also lead Colliers International's Brisbane commercial consultancy division.

Ms Swanson has previously held senior analytical positions at Dickson Wohlsen Strategies and Matusik Property Insights. She has played strategic roles in the target marketing and pricing of



*Helen Swanson.*

Queensland developments by South Bank Corporation, Mulpha Sanctuary Cove, Multiplex, Stockland, Devine and Indigo Group. [www.colliers.com.au](http://www.colliers.com.au) ■

**VENZIN LEAVES AICC**

Australia-Israel Chamber of Commerce (AICC) Queensland chief executive officer, Liz Venzin, is leaving the chamber at the end of June to pursue her own interests.

Chairman of the AICC Queensland, Bob Bishop said Ms Venzin's departure was completely amicable and, after five years as CEO, she was "looking to a bright new chapter in her life". Mr Bishop said Ms Venzin had done a terrific job in raising the profile of the chamber in Queensland and, during her tenure, has held 60 events with over 6000 people in attendance. Ms Venzin said the decision to leave the chamber hasn't been easy as she has very much enjoyed the role, "however it is time for moving on and establishing a new beginning".

In July, Ms Venzin will be spending time in Israel where she will co-write a novel and film script with a well known literary identity, on her life to date. Upon her return to Australia she will resume developing her own company, Liz Venzin Events Management. She has also just accepted a board position with One Heart Global – the not for profit charity based in New York, that is a worldwide umbrella organisation assisting victims of terrorism. [www.aicc.org.au](http://www.aicc.org.au) ■



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**GEOLOGIST CHASES COAL**

Perth-based coal exploration company East Energy Resources has appointed senior geologist Robin Evans to develop its Queensland-based coal projects. Mr Evans has held senior roles across a wide variety of companies such as export consulting firm Mining Project Investors, former ASX-listed



*Robin Evans.*

Posgold (now global mining giant Newmont), Amoco Minerals Australia and Amoco Minerals Fiji. East Energy chairman Terry Byrt said Mr Evans would help to expedite exploration at the company's coal projects – Norwich Park in the Bowen Basin and Blackall, in the Adavale Basin. [www.eastenergy.com.au](http://www.eastenergy.com.au) ■

**JODY FENTON BACKS BRISBANE VENTURE**

Experienced finance specialist, Jody Fenton has returned from Canada to

head up her own financial services organisation, based in Brisbane. Ms Fenton moved to Canada in 2006 to work as a senior commercial analyst for Sears, the country's largest retailer with annual revenue of more than \$6billion. She has returned to her home town of Brisbane as director of Boutique Money Management, which teaches clients how to manage their money more effectively. It offers one-on-one consulting and group workshops catering for everything from "understanding your money and



*Jody Fenton.*

investments" to "pocket money advice for kids". "Effective money management is something that I'm passionate about. It's a passion that began when I was a student and I believe it is a skill that everyone from single parents to small business owners should learn," Ms Fenton said. Before moving overseas, Ms Fenton worked with NQX Freight System, the second largest division of Toll Holdings, Australia's largest transport provider, as their national commercial manager. She graduated from Griffith University in 2001 after studying for her Bachelor of Commerce degree while working for accounting firms including Ernst & Young and Giffin and Shaw. Ms Fenton then moved to Madison Technologies in 1997 as a corporate accountant. In her spare time Ms Fenton lectures at Bond University where she runs a program called Money Matters, which helps students prepare for life outside of university and the financial decisions they will have to make. [www.boutiquemoney.com.au](http://www.boutiquemoney.com.au) ■

**OLSEN LEADS MAUNSELL QUEENSLAND AS DIRECTOR**

Maunsell has appointed Andy Olsen to lead its thriving Queensland business. Mr Olsen accepted the role following David Barwell's move to the role of chief operating officer of Maunsell's Australia and New Zealand business. "Maunsell is leading the way on the infrastructure projects for the future," Mr Olsen said. "While we're working on many of Queensland's major transport projects we're also delivering

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