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STATE. RESPOND.

Exploring sustainable design

MEDIA RELEASE

Object: Australian Centre for Craft and Design has developed a provocative new exhibition *STATE. RESPOND. Exploring sustainable design* opening 6 February 2010.

Exhibition curator Brian Parkes has invited five outstanding design studios from New South Wales to respond to the issue of sustainability in contemporary design practice. This includes both the role design has in affecting positive change as well as the contribution design has made to many of the social and environmental problems now faced by the world.

STATE. RESPOND. includes commentary on these issues by the furniture design studio **Schamburg+Alvisse**; multi-media company **Digital Eskimo**; graphic design agency **one8one7**; textile design business **Bird Textile**; and internationally acclaimed architecture firm **LAVA** who recently won a major commission to develop a major part of the carbon-neutral city of Masdar in the United Arab Emirates.

Marc Schamburg, Managing Director of Schamburg + Alvisse said the idea that something is expendable or worthless is only a point of view. "Design can transform objects of matter into objects that matter" said Schamburg.

This group of talented 'thought leaders' all have significant and successful track records of engaging with principles of ethical and sustainable design.

Marc Schamburg and Michael Alvisse (Schamburg + Alvisse) and Chris Bosse (LAVA) were all listed in *The (Sydney) Magazine* top 100 most influential people of 2009.

At a time when designers are beginning to be recognised as change-makers not stuff-creators, *STATE. RESPOND.* is a poignant exhibition that will transform Object Gallery into a laboratory of ideas.

STATE. RESPOND. Exploring sustainable design runs from 6 February – 28 March 2010 at Object Gallery, 417 Bourke Street, Surry Hills.

In conjunction with *STATE. RESPOND.* Object will launch an interactive micro site dedicated to the exhibition which will be accessible via the Object website www.object.com.au

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All designers will be available for interview.



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Object Gallery & Collect. 417 Bourke Street Surry Hills. Open Tuesday - Friday 11am - 5pm. Saturday - Sunday 10am - 5pm. Free admission.