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Australian CEOs meet to collaborate on Industry 4.0

Standards Australia today hosted an Industry 4.0 CEO Forum to enhance collaboration among the private sector decision makers on Industry 4.0, a further step in the organisation and management of the entire value chain process involved in the manufacturing industry.

Standards Australia CEO, Dr Bronwyn Evans, said that in the future, businesses will establish global networks that incorporate their machinery, warehousing systems and production facilities.

“This will only be possible if a single set of common standards is developed.

“There is a commitment from both industry and government to create standards that will facilitate new production systems in the context of Australian innovation and competitiveness in the future.

“We will also be seeking to establish cooperation at the international level in order to provide industry with a platform that represents their interests,” said Dr Evans.

Siemens Australia CEO, Jeff Connolly, said that Standards are essential for implementing Industry 4.0.

“Today’s meeting led by Standards Australia on Industry 4.0 is the kind of collaboration that will push Australia into global frontline efforts to develop international standards for the emerging fourth industrial revolution, enabling Australia to access global supply chain of the future.”

Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, The Hon Greg Hunt MP, has welcomed the industry collaboration.

“Standards are vital technical infrastructure in any advanced economy, ensuring the safety and quality of products and services, facilitating international trade and improving the environment in which we live in.

“This is an initiative of the Prime Minister’s Industry 4.0 Taskforce, which directly supports Australia’s transition to a new economy by connecting Australia’s ‘National Science and Innovation Agenda’ to the world,” said Mr Hunt.

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