

## Information Release

The boards of Victoria Felix Medical Education (VFME), a north western Victorian RTP and Greater Western General Practice Training (GWGPT), a western NSW RTP trading as GPlogic, have explored opportunities to position their respective companies for the short, medium and longer term delivery of Australian General Practice Training and primary health care training support. Both companies share a common border in south western NSW.

As a result, the boards of both companies have met both informally and formally and discussed primarily how an alignment of the two companies could enhance the delivery of the Australian General Practice Training program, increase their collective value to wider primary health care initiatives, and improve organisational sustainability. On 27 May and 4 June 2009, the Boards of Victoria Felix Medical Education and GPlogic respectively met and resolved to explore a merger.

The boards subsequently recommended to members to merge the two companies in order to create a Victorian/NSW cross border rural and regional specialist RTP that will retain the current benefits of both organisations and capitalise on the increased scale and capacity that a merger will provide. Management and board representatives consequently undertook an extensive process of member and stakeholder information provision in order to further refine the merger recommendation.

On 19 November 2009, both companies held general meetings in order for the members to cast a vote regarding the merger. The members of both companies unanimously agreed to approve a merger of the two companies. GWGPT will remain as the company shell and vehicle to create the necessary legal entity, however the GWGPT trading name of GPlogic will be changed, although a final decision on the preferred trading name has not yet been finalised. Head office will be located in Bendigo, Victoria and all staff will be retained. Current NSW office locations will also be retained. Registrars and Supervisors will be subject to a no disadvantage test to assure their ongoing involvement with the 'new' entity.

The 'new' entity will officially commence operations on January 4 2010.

Further information and consultation will continue to be provided as part of the merger process. Inquiries can be directed to the respective CEOs of both companies.

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