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GERMAN GRANT FOR JOURNALISM 2007 AWARDED TO CHRIS JOHNSON

Mr Chris Johnson, Federal Political Reporter for The West Australian at the Parliamentary Press Gallery, has been awarded the German Grant for Journalism 2007 offered by the German Embassy in association with the National Press Club of Australia.

The Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Australia, Martin Lutz, will present the award to Chris Johnson on the occasion of the **National Press Club address by British economist and former Senior Vice-President of the World Bank Sir Nicholas Stern on March 28, 2007** in Canberra. Sir Nicholas is also the author of the Stern Review which gained global attention for Stern's views of the impact of climate change.

Ambassador Lutz will congratulate Chris Johnson on his winning entry which outlines a journalistic project on examining Germany's expertise in renewable energy technologies. The project will include interviews with German officials, representatives of leading companies, industry associations and the media in Germany. The Ambassador will convey to Mr Johnson the invitation by the German Government to visit Germany for a two week research trip to implement his project.

The annual German Grant for Journalism has been offered to journalists of the print and electronic media from Australia since 1986 with the aim to provide maximum encouragement to organisations and individuals interested in presenting German affairs to Australian audiences.

The award is granted on the basis of submissions of projects of journalistic work involving research in Germany. In selecting the winner, the assessment panel takes account of such factors as details provided in the project outline, originality and significance of the basic subject matter in its context and the prospects of successful completion and publication or broadcast. The winner is then invited to carry out his or her project in Germany with funding and active support by the German Government. The grant includes the costs of business class travel between Australia and Germany, and of a two week stay in Germany for a program organised in accordance with the wishes of the winner and facilitated by interpreter/guide services.

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