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The Australian British Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that Philip Speakman of Morton Philips has been appointed as the new ABCC Chairman in South Australia. Philip will replace Mike Terlet AO who will have completed his term of office on Monday 22 October 2012.

David Slessar OBE, National Chairman of the ABCC, commented 'We are delighted that Philip is joining us. He will be able to build on the achievements of Mike Terlet and increase the momentum of the Chamber in South Australia. His exceptional record, experience and knowledge will be invaluable to our increased involvement in business between this State and the UK.'

Philip Speakman added 'The British Chamber has a long and distinguished association with trade between South Australia and the UK and I look forward to continuing that tradition. As a national organisation, the Chamber has a network of companies and members which we can develop to benefit our state. I will play an active part to further build our commercial relationships in every sector'.

The ABCC has established a strong reputation as a body that facilitates business development through the organisation of events such as corporate lunches, private boardroom functions, and more relaxed cultural and cocktail evenings. The UK is Australia's second largest source of foreign direct investment ($69.7 billion in 2011) and most important trading partner in Europe. In 2011, Australia's total two-way trade with the UK was valued at over $23 billion. The UK is Australia's second largest source of international visitors, with over 600,000 arriving last year.

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