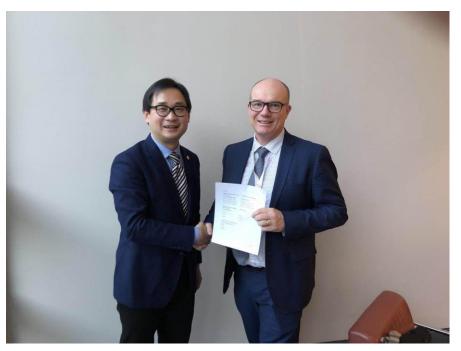**Press Release Monday 8 January 2018**

ARRB signs MoU with Chinese research institute at TRB Annual Meeting in Washington DC

The Australian Road Research Board (ARRB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) earlier this week, for strategic cooperation with the Jiangsu SinoRoad Engineering Research Institute. The joint venture will further expand ARRB's established international research base in highway performance and predictive modelling.

ARRB is at the forefront of highway condition assessment with its Intelligent Pavement Assessment Vehicle (iPAVe) data acquisition system, both in Australasia and the United States. This MOU will enhance ARRB's international capabilities by partnering with a leading Chinese research institute involved with China's vast and growing expressway network.

The MOU was signed during the first day of proceedings at the Transportation Research Board annual meeting in Washington DC, where ARRB's Richard Wix was presenting on Australian road asset management practices. The annual meeting is attended by over 13,000 transportation professionals from around the world.

The MOU sets out the framework for joint cutting-edge research, with the latest innovative data acquisition systems using high speed data capture and big data processing analytics.

Mr Richard Wix from the Australian Road Research Board with Dr Zhang Zhixiang from Jiangsu SinoRoad Engineering Research Institute at the signing of the MoU in Washington.

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