

The Australian Stem Cell Centre is the first Australian Biotechnology centre of Excellence

An embryonic stem cell has the unique capacity to renew itself indefinitely.

Stem cells are the body's own biological repair kit.



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## Statement by the Australian Stem Cell Centre

**Wednesday, 30 July 2008**

The Australian Stem Cell Centre (ASCC) today announced the departure of the Chief Executive Officer, Professor Stephen Livesey.

Over the past few months differences have arisen between the Board of the ASCC and Professor Livesey as to the future direction of the ASCC. The Board formed the view that these differences could not be resolved.

The Board has appointed David Collins, currently Chief Operating Officer as Acting CEO.

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### About the Australian Stem Cell Centre

The **Australian Stem Cell Centre** is Australia's Biotechnology Centre of Excellence. The ASCC has partnered with ten leading Australian universities and research institutions, and brings together a critical mass of outstanding Australian stem cell research that is internationally competitive and well regarded.

The ASCC's vision is to undertake research of the highest quality in the stem cell field, in order to discover and ultimately commercialise new therapies for human disease.

The Australian Stem Cell Centre is funded by the Australian and Victorian Governments.

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