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Press Release

FREMANTLE FOOTBALL CLUB C.O.O, MR. GARY WALTON IN GENOVA TO FORMALLY SEAL THE PARTNERSHIP WITH AFL ITALIA CLUB GENOVA

The partnership between the Fremantle Dockers and the AFL Italia Genova Football Club, now the Genova Dockers, is the first official AFL partnership to be established in Italy.

Genova, Liguria, Italy – Monday, 12th July, 2010: Following on from the official presentation of Jumpers at the Fremantle Football Club Headquarters in Fremantle in April this year, Mr. Gary Walton, Chief Operating Officer of the Fremantle Football Club, travelled to Genova, Italy to meet with the President of the Genova Dockers, Mr. Graziano Arnulfo, to seal the partnership between the two AFL Clubs.

The meeting took place at the Locanda Di Palazzo Cicala Hotel in Genova where Mr. Walton met with Mr. Arnulfo and members of the Genova Dockers AFL Italia Club, including Captain Tommaso Arnulfo.

Discussions took place about the performance of the Genova Dockers in the AFL Italia League, who after four rounds are sitting in second place and well positioned to take on the top team, Milano in this Saturday's Round 5 and 6 of the Premiership League in Roma.



Tommaso Arnulfo, Mr. Gary Walton & Mr. Graziano Arnulfo

Mr. Arnulfo spoke of the pride of the team when they ran onto the field to compete in the historic first game of the AFL Italia League in May in their new Fremantle Football Club Jumpers. "The jumpers seemed to give the team a boost and gave a message to the other Clubs that the Genova Dockers are here, proud and strong. I think this team spirit helped us to victory in the very first ever game of an Australian Rules Football League played in Italy."

The Western Australian Government Office in London has also supported AFL Italia by donating a Premiership Cup which is being strongly contested amongst the four AFL Italia Clubs – Genova Dockers, Aussie Rules Lugano, Milano Aussie Rulers and Roma Aussie Rules Football Club. Rounds 5 & 6 of the AFL Italia League will be played this Saturday, 17th July in Roma with the Finals being held on the 28th August in Lugano and the Grand Final on Saturday, 4th September in Roma.

AFL Italia are also busy working with the European Australian Football Association (EAFA) to host the 2010 Euro Cup in Milano and selection for the Italian National "Azzurri" Team to compete in the Euro Cup will be announced at the end of the League competition.

AFL Italia International Club Memberships and further information on the 2010 AFL Italia National League and the Italian National Team competing in this year's Euro Cup can be found by visiting – www.aflitalia.com or on your AFL Clubs Partnership web pages.