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Citation on the occasion of the presentation to the Chancellor, Mr David Gonski by the Dean of Medicine, Professor Peter Smith of Dr Christopher ROBERTS for the award of the degree of DOCTOR OF SCIENCE honoris causa

17 December 2012

Dr Christopher Roberts holds a Bachelor of Engineering in chemical engineering with honours from The University of New South Wales , a Master of Business Administration from Macquarie University and a Doctor of Philosophy from The University of New South Wales.

Dr Roberts is well known for his commercial acumen and his outstanding contributions to the community. Dr Roberts has worked in the global medical device industry for over 36 years in a number of senior management positions. Notable examples of Dr Roberts' commercial achievements include his work at ResMed and Cochlear Limited.

In 1989, he became a founding non-executive Director of ResMed, a leading medical device company which treats sleep disordered breathing. In 1992, he joined ResMed full time and until 2004, served as Executive Vice-President and Director. From 2004 to 2010 Dr Roberts was Chairman of Research Australia Limited, a not-for-profit organisation with the objective of making health and medical research a higher national priority.

Dr Roberts is the current CEO and President of Cochlear and has been at the forefront of the company's success since 2004.

Cochlear is the global leader in implantable hearing solutions, having helped over a quarter of a million people reconnect to a world of sound. With its global headquarters in Sydney, Cochlear spans 100 countries and employs approximately 2,500 people worldwide.

With Cochlear celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2012 and under the leadership of Dr Roberts, they continue to lead the development of new and improved technologies for the moderate and profoundly hearing-impaired.

With support from Cochlear, Brain Sciences UNSW secured an Australian Research Council Linkage Grant in 2010 to develop a next-generation cochlear implant device.

Dr Roberts is a foundation member of the UNSW Medicine Advisory Council and over the past 5 years has provided invaluable insight in the areas of research and commercialisation. Having been a member of the National Health and Medical Research Council during 2003 to 2006 triennium, he provides practical assistance and advice to the faculty on research funding.

Dr Roberts was conferred the honorary title of AGSM Global Business Leader at the 2006 AGSM Annual Awards Dinner. The title recognises an individual who has demonstrated exceptional vision and leadership in a global business environment. Dr Roberts is also the recipient of a 2009 UNSW Alumni Award for his outstanding achievements in his field.

Dr Roberts is a Fellow of both the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering and the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Council, noting his eminent service to the community, health and medical research and to this University, resolved that it would be fitting if the degree of Doctor of Science, *honoris causa*, were to be conferred on Christopher Roberts, and today we admit him to the University's highest honour.