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Please find attached the following:

1. National Hire Group Expands Leadership Team

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NATIONAL HIRE GROUP EXPANDS LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Board of the National Hire Group Limited announced today a decision to expand the executive leadership team and divide the existing senior executive responsibilities.

Mr Ray Romano, the current National Hire Group Non-Executive Chairman, will assume the role of Executive Chairman from 12 May 2006. Mr Romano will be responsible for driving the strategic direction of the Group as the business moves from the integration phase to that of business improvement focusing on efficiencies, fleet management, utilization, margin improvement and ROI. Mr Romano's remuneration package will be \$250,000 per annum.

Mr Donnelley, Managing Director of National Hire Group Limited, said "Through the acquisitions of the past two years and the relationship with WesTrac and Caterpillar, National Hire has grown from a small east coast based hire company to a leading Australian equipment hire company and a significant manufacturer and distributor of mobile lighting, power generation and engines. Broadening the senior management team to include the skills and experience of Ray Romano will allow us to take advantage of the strong platform we have developed and ensure we drive forward the performance to the benefit of all the stakeholders in our business."

Mr Stephen Donnelley, Managing Director of National Hire, will be reporting directly to Mr Romano. He will be responsible for pursuing further growth opportunities for the Group and have operational responsibilities for Capital Sales (Allight Lighting Towers, FG Wilson Power Generators and Perkins Engines) as well as Corporate Services and Strategy.

Mr Donnelley's existing three year employment contract, which was due to expire at the end of February 2007, has been amended so that it is an evergreen contract terminable on 12 months notice from the Company and 6 months notice from Mr Donnelley.

Mr David Isaacs, previously Executive General Manager of AH Plant Hire, will be responsible for all Australian equipment rental operations within the Group and will also report directly to Mr Romano. Mr Isaacs brings significant equipment rental experience to the Group, and the Board is confident that he will provide the necessary impetus for further growth and business improvement in this division.

Mr Romano said "National Hire has emerged from a period of frenetic growth, investment and acquisitions, and is now well placed to benefit from a strong and still growing Australian economy. The new structure will allow National Hire to meet the challenges and opportunities ahead, as well as provide the necessary focus for the Group to deliver on stakeholder expectations."



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