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National Hire Group Limited (ASX Code: NHR)

Retirement of Director

National Hire Group Limited advises that non executive director, Mr John Star, who retires in accordance with the Company's Constitution at the Company's Annual General Meeting on 30 November 2007, has decided not to stand for re-election and accordingly has resigned his position on the board effective 24th October 2007.

Mr Star informed the Board he believed it was an appropriate time for him to resign as a director following 10 years service and enables the Company to implement a process of board renewal.

Mr Star joined the Board in April 1997 at the time of its IPO and ASX listing.

Mr Star noted he maintains his intention to vote his shares in National Hire Group Limited in favour of the proposal to acquire Coates.

National Hire Group Limited Executive Chairman, Mr Ray Romano said, "During his time as a director, the Company has grown from a market capitalisation of \$9 million to over \$300 million. On behalf of the Board, I would like to sincerely thank John for his valuable contribution to the Company during this period of growth."

The Company intends to appoint a director to fill the Board vacancy resulting from Mr Star's retirement.



Ray Harman
Company Secretary