



APPOINTMENT OF AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Board of National Hire Group Limited has today appointed Mr Raymond Martin Kelsey to the board. He will be appointed as an executive director of the company, and will stand for election at the next AGM.

Mr Kelsey has had a long and successful career in the hire industry, commencing in the 1960's and will strengthen the Board's hire industry knowledge and expertise.

Being resident in Victoria, Mr Kelsey will strengthen and improve regional representation and he will play a key role in assisting, developing and reviewing the Group's strategic plan and its implementation. In order to effect this, and the identification of improvements and growth opportunities, Mr Kelsey will be tasked with the special project of assisting the Managing Director in the strategic development of our Victorian business unit. In addition he will provide mentoring, hire industry experience, introduction to potential key clients and public relations assistance.

Mr Kelsey's background is as follows:

Commenced employment with Wreckair in 1960 through to 1990. From 1978 to 1990 he was the Chief Executive Officer and oversaw the growth of Wreckair from revenues of \$17 million to revenues of \$140 million, and in the same period grew EBIT from \$2.8 million to \$27.5 million. Mr Kelsey departed Wreckair on the completion of the acquisition by Brambles Limited.

In 1994 Mr Kelsey was part of the investment team that created AH Plant Hire through the privatisation of Vic Roads. Mr Kelsey's role was Executive Chairman and CEO, growing the business until it was sold to Austrim in 1996. After 1996 Mr Kelsey continued to provide consulting services to the hire industry, including assisting National Hire with its strategic review earlier this year.

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