

**ASX Announcement** 

MGM Wireless Limited (ASX:MWR)

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### **NEW DIRECTOR APPOINTMENTS**

## **Highlights**

- Mr Martin Pretty, experienced investment and finance expert, appointed as Independent Non-executive Director.
- Dr Brandon Gien, internationally recognised and awarded design expert, appointed as Non-executive Director

Leading technology communications company, MGM Wireless Limited (ASX:MWR) ("MGM" or "the Company") is pleased to announce the appointment of experienced investment and finance expert, Mr Martin Pretty, and internationally recognised and awarded design expert, Dr Brandon Gien, as non-executive directors of the Board.

Commenting on the Board appointments, MGM Wireless CEO, Mark Fortunatow said: "I welcome Mr Martin Pretty and Dr Brandon Gien to the Board of MGM Wireless, as we strengthen our strategic leadership team. With the Company entering its next phase of growth, the significant skill sets of both Martin and Brandon across investment and design will be valuable support to the MGM team."

Mr Pretty has over 20 years of experience in the investment and finance industry and has had deep involvement over that time in investing in and supporting growing Australian technology businesses. He was previously an investment manager with Thorney Investment Group and held management roles at ASX-listed companies Hub24, Bell Financial Group and IWL Limited. He has worked as a finance journalist with The Australian Financial Review and is currently the managing director of boutique investment firm, Equitable Investors, and a non-executive director of ASX-listed financial services group Centrepoint Alliance (ASX: CAF). Mr Pretty holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) from The University of Melbourne, a Graduate Diploma of Applied Finance from Finsia, is a CFA charter holder and a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Commenting on his appointment, Mr Pretty said: "I'm very excited to be appointed to the board of MGM Wireless, as I have a strong interest in supporting Australian technology companies and am confident that I can add significant value to the Company. I look forward to building a long-term relationship with the MGM team."

Dr. Gien has over 25 years' industrial design experience and is internationally recognised as the Founder and CEO of Good Design Australia as well as Chair of the longest running national design award program, Australia's annual Good Design Awards. As an advocate for the value of design-led innovation to drive business competitiveness, Dr Gien has been appointed to multiple international honorary board positions throughout his career.

In 2015, Dr Gien was appointed as Senator of the World Design Organization (WDO), the world body for Industrial Design. He was a member of the Board of Directors for three consecutive terms and elected President of the organisation from 2013 to 2015, the first Australian to hold this position. During his term as WDO President, he





led the strategic transformation of the organisation, resulting in new global definition of Industrial Design. He is currently an Adjunct Professor of Industrial Design at both the University of New South Wales and the University of Canberra.

Dr Gien holds a PhD in Environmental Design from the University of Canberra's School of Design and Architecture, and studied Mechanical Engineering at the University of Newcastle where he later graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Design.

**Commenting on his appointment, Dr Gien said:** "MGM Wireless is an exciting technology company with an aspirational design vision and I look forward to working with the MGM Board to add a strategic design focus to all facets of the Company's products, services and businesses."

## This announcement has been authorized by the Board of MGM Wireless Limited

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## **About MGM Wireless**

MGM Wireless Limited is a technology company that designs and develops breakthrough technology, software and wearable devices that enrich connections between families, schools and society.

The Company is recognised as a global leader and pioneer in socially responsible technology for schools and families. Everything we do is built on our unshakeable desire for families to feel safe and secure so that they can live with freedom, independence and joy.

**About SPACETALK** 



SPACETALK is a mobile phone built into a smartwatch designed just for kids from the age of 5 to 12. SPACETALK allows two-way phone calls and SMS messaging for children to a parent-controlled list of contacts and GPS tracking alerts parents whenever children leave designated safe spaces, such as school or the home.

SPACETALK doesn't give children access to social media, apps, open internet or other such services that can be dangerous to young children. The subscription based 'AllMyTribe' mobile app enables parents to manage SPACETALK devices.

### **About MGM's School Communication**

MGM created the world's first SMS based Automated Student Absence Notification Solution for schools and is recognised as a global leader in socially responsible and technology-enabled school communication. Over 1,200 schools and 1.7 million parents use MGM Wireless products including student absence notifications 'messageyou', absence analytics software 'Watchlists', school news and messaging app 'School Star', a content management and messaging platform for mobile school communication called "Outreach+", and student attendance management solution 'RollMarker'.