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## **AUTOMOTIVE HOLDINGS GROUP BOARD APPOINTMENT**

Automotive Holdings Group Limited (ASX: AHG) has appointed respected corporate advisor and automotive industry leader David Blackhall to the Company's Board.

Mr Blackhall is presently the chief executive of the Australian Automotive Dealer Association, a contract position concluding in June 2019. He was previously managing director of Jaguar Land Rover Asia Pacific, including Australia and New Zealand (2004 – 2015). He has also been a Non-Executive Director of the privately held Ross House Investments, which controls the Stillwell Motor Group, and served for six years on the Board of the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries, the peak body in Australia representing vehicle manufacturers and importers.

He held senior executive positions with Ford in the USA and Taiwan and has direct dealership experience as a dealer principal and owner with numerous franchises.

Mr Blackhall holds a commerce degree from the University of Queensland, an MBA from the University of Melbourne and is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

AHG managing director John McConnell welcomed Mr Blackhall's appointment.

"David is highly respected across the industry and has led the AADA through a period of seismic change for franchised dealers, including gaining bi-partisan political support for a dedicated automotive franchising code," said Mr McConnell.

"His vast experience as an automotive retailer and the respect he has earned in his dealings with manufacturers, politicians and regulators will be invaluable to the Board and the Company," he said.

Mr Blackhall said he was looking forward to making a contribution.

"AHG is the largest automotive retailer in Australasia and is well placed not only to maintain its position but to lead the industry in the myriad changes across mobility solutions, data analytics and adjacent opportunities," he said. "I look forward to contributing to its future success."

Mr Blackhall's appointment will be subject to ratification by Shareholders at the Company's 2019 Annual General Meeting in November.

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**About AHG** Automotive Holdings Group Limited (ASX: AHG) is a diversified automotive retailing and logistics group with operations in every Australian mainland state and in New Zealand. The Company is Australia's largest automotive retailer, with operations in Western Australia, New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria.

AHG's logistics businesses include AHG Refrigerated Logistics (transport and cold storage), AMCAP (motor parts and industrial supplies distribution), VSE (vehicle storage and engineering), Genuine Truck Bodies (body building services to the truck industry), and KTM Sportmotorcycles and HQVA (KTM and Husqvarna motorcycle importation and distribution in Australia and New Zealand).

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