



## **Helloworld announces appointment of new Independent Chairman**

**4 October 2016**

Helloworld today announced the appointment of Garry Hounsell as Independent Chairman of the Board of Helloworld Limited.

Mr Hounsell is currently a Director of Treasury Wine Estates Limited (since 2012), Dulux Group Limited (since 2010), Spotless Group Holdings Limited (since 2014) and Integral Diagnostics Limited (since 2015). Mr Hounsell held previous roles including as Chairman of PanAust Limited (2008 to 2015), a Director of Qantas Airways Limited (2005 to 2015), Senior Partner of Ernst & Young, Chief Executive Officer and Country Managing Partner of Arthur Andersen, a Board member of Freehills (now Herbert Smith Freehills) as well as Deputy Chairman of the Board of Mitchell Communication Group Limited.

Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Helloworld Limited, Andrew Burnes said the appointment was a great outcome for the company.

"We are delighted to welcome Garry Hounsell to the Board of Helloworld Limited as our new Chairman. He brings with him a wealth of experience being a respected Director of a wide range of highly successful Boards as well as an extensive career history in business and financial management of large companies in Australia and overseas." said Mr Burnes.

The Board and Mr Burnes expressed their appreciation to Rob Marcolina for acting in the role of Chairman since the merger of Helloworld Limited and the AOT Group in February 2016. Mr Marcolina also welcomed the appointment and will resume his Non-Executive Director role.

"I am thrilled to be joining the Board of Helloworld Limited and I look forward to working with Andrew and the Board to continue the growth and development the company has undertaken recently and build on this solid platform for the future." said Mr. Hounsell.

Mr Hounsell is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and Chartered Accountants in Australia and New Zealand.

The appointment is effective immediately.

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## About Helloworld Limited

- Helloworld Limited (ASX: HLO) is a leading Australian based travel distribution company, comprising retail travel businesses, destination management services (inbound) air ticket consolidation, wholesale, corporate and online operations. This includes “*helloworld*”, Australia’s largest network of franchised travel agents, as well as our Corporate, Associate and Affiliate networks, Qantas Holidays, Go Holidays in New Zealand, AOT Inbound, ATS Pacific, QBT, Sunlover Holidays and Insider Journeys
- “*helloworld*” is a nationwide network of independently owned and operated retail travel agencies offering Australian and New Zealand travellers outstanding service, and the best value, tailor-made leisure and corporate travel experiences
- HLO has over 2000 staff located in Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, the USA, South East Asia, India and UK/Europe
- Helloworld is the proud major sponsor of Volleyball Australia and the ***helloworld* Volleyroos** men’s and women’s national teams
- Helloworld is proud to be the major sponsor of Basketball Australia and the ***helloworld* Boomers**
- Helloworld is the Official Travel Partner and a Gold Sponsor of Carlton Football Club

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