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**Retirement of Chairman and Appointment of new Chairman
Retirement of Director**

Retirement of Chairman

As announced at the 2009 Annual General Meeting, Mr Ken Loughnan AO, will be retiring as Chairman of the SKILLED Group Board on completion of this year's Annual General Meeting, to be held on Monday 25 October 2010. Mr Loughnan has been Chairman of SKILLED for the past 16 years.

Mr Loughnan said, "I am extremely proud to have been part of this great Australian company. SKILLED has been the pioneer of flexible staffing solutions since its inception in 1964 and over this time, we have driven fundamental change in this country through the flexible workforce concept and have played a role in increasing the competitiveness of Australian industry.

"I leave SKILLED confident that the company has a strong and positive future. From an operational perspective, the executive team and management will have the right skill set and experience to take the company to its next growth phase and deliver increasing returns for our shareholders. From a governance perspective, we, as a Board, have been committed to a continuing process of Board renewal. The appointment of a new Chairman, a new CEO (to be announced shortly) and the planned appointment of two new independent non-executive directors will give the company a strong platform to increase returns to our shareholders.

"I want to thank our shareholders for their continued support of the Company. It has been an honour to serve you as Chairman over the past 16 years."

Appointment of new Chairman

The SKILLED Group Board today announced the appointment of Ms Vickki McFadden as the Chairman of the Board, effective on completion of this year's Annual General Meeting.

Ms McFadden joined the SKILLED Group Board as a Non-Executive Director in September 2005 and has been the Chair of the Audit Committee and a member of the Risk Committee and Nomination Committee.

Ms McFadden gained extensive experience in corporate finance and mergers and acquisitions in her role as Managing Director, Investment Banking, at Merrill Lynch Australia and as a Principal/Director of Centaurus Corporate Finance. During this time, she led and managed several merger and acquisition transactions on behalf of major companies. Prior to her career in investment banking, Ms McFadden was a solicitor at Allen & Hemsley. Ms McFadden has been a Member of the Takeovers Panel since 2008 and a member of the Advisory Board and Executive Committee of the Australian School of Business at the University of New South Wales since August 2000.

It is intended that Ms McFadden will step down as Chair of the Audit Committee and the new Audit Committee Chair will be determined by the Board in due course.

Ms McFadden said, "The Board wishes to pay special tribute to the immense contribution Ken Loughnan has made to SKILLED over the past 16 years. He led SKILLED through a period of significant change and growth and was instrumental in transforming a family owned business to an ASX listed company with turnover approaching \$2 billion. On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank Ken for his dedication and leadership over the past 16 years and wish him well in his future endeavours."

Retirement of non-executive director

Mr Kerry Hughes will also retire as a non-executive director on completion of this year's Annual General Meeting. Mr Hughes was appointed to the Board in May 1994 as an executive director until his retirement as an executive of SKILLED in August 2005 and then remained as a non-executive director of the SKILLED Board. He was also the Chairman of the Risk Committee.

Reflecting on his time at SKILLED, Mr Hughes said, "It was a great honour and privilege to serve on the Board and be part of SKILLED over the last 33 years. I wish the Board and management the very best as the company embarks on its next growth phase."

The outgoing Chairman, Mr Ken Loughnan, said that Kerry has been an outstanding contributor to the company and the Board. He said, "Kerry acted as safety ambassador for the company and he actively promoted SKILLED's OHS commitment and leadership position to both internal and external stakeholders. He has been instrumental in helping us achieve our outstanding safety record. We wish Kerry the very best in his retirement."

Appointment of the new CEO and independent non executive directors

The process of the appointment of the new CEO is in its final stages and an announcement on the appointment will be made as soon as the process is completed.

The planned appointment of the first of the two new non-executive directors will be completed shortly with the second appointment to be completed by March 2011.

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