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Appointment of Director and Retirement of a Current Director

The Directors of Hughes Drilling Limited (Hughes, the Company) advise of the appointment of Mr Andrew Webb as Director of the Company.

Mr Webb has 24 years of banking and structuring financial solutions experience. He was formerly Vice President –TSS- Treasury Services with JPMorgan Australia, Head of Industry, Policy and Credit Support - SCF with National Australia Bank, and Regional Head of Trade & Commodity Finance - Americas with Australia & New Zealand Banking Group.

Mr Webb has worked with a diverse range of clients, across mining, oil and gas and industrial/manufacturing industries both locally and across the Americas, across treasury services, financing structures and risk management.

The Company also advises of the retirement of Mr Geoff Bruce as a Director of Hughes. Mr Bruce has made important and lasting contributions to the evolution of the Company and we extend our thanks to him.

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About Hughes Drilling

Hughes Drilling is one Australia's premier coal production and delineation drilling specialists with a client base consisting of Australia's major mine operators and owners. Our people are amongst the leading professionals in their field with the latest and amongst the most powerful and reliable drill rig fleets in the world.

Hughes Drilling Limited has built a twenty year reputation in the delivery of high quality production drilling projects for many mining organisations within Australia.