

ASX Announcement

G8 Education Limited
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G8 Education Chairperson to Step-down

G8 Education Limited (**ASX:GEM**) announces that its Chairperson Jenny Hutson has advised that she will step-down from the Board on 15 October 2015 to pursue other opportunities.

Ms Hutson was appointed to the Board in March 2010. Since 2010 G8 Education has been highly acquisitive with centre additions each year. G8 Education has, over this 5 year period applied a disciplined approach to acquisitions with a focus in high demand areas. G8 Education is now the largest for profit provider of high quality education and childcare in Australia with 457 owned centres and a daily licensed capacity of 33,402 children as at 30 June 2015.

G8 Education's business model is to identify, acquire and integrate and manage childcare centres and implement best practice operating efficiencies to improve organic performance. G8 Education acquired 203 new centres with 13,697 licensed places in 2014 with a focus on discipline, consolidation and high demand areas.

Under Ms Hutson's leadership the Board resolved on 3 July 2015 to make a scrip takeover offer for all of the shares it did not already own in Affinity Education having acquired a pre-bid stake of 19.89% at \$0.70 per Affinity Education share. On 3 August 2015 G8 Education made a cash on-market offer at \$0.80 per Affinity Education share and increased the scrip offer to the equivalent of \$0.80 per Affinity Education Share. G8 Education declared that its takeover offers were final. On 15 September 2015 G8 Education announced it would vote in favour of the scheme of arrangement involving Anchorage Childcare whereby consideration of \$0.92 for each Affinity Education share would be paid subject to relevant approvals.

Chairperson, Ms Hutson said *'It has been a privilege and a pleasure to lead the Board of G8 Education for over 5 years. G8 Education today is without question a leading provider of childcare and education services in Australia and an important provider in Singapore. The senior management team of Chris Scott, Jason Roberts and Chris Sacre are exceptional and are very well placed to lead our 10,000 staff in delivery of great childcare and education services to more than 40,000 families that have children with us in care.'*

G8 Education has declared and paid quarterly dividends since 2010 and has had 10 consecutive periods of relative outperformance as compared with prior periods. Having led the proposed acquisition of Affinity Education it is time for me to step aside and for there to be renewal at Board level. Matthew Reynolds as Acting Chairman will ensure that the Company is well placed whilst a new external Chair is identified to lead G8 Education.'

Mr Reynolds said *'Ms Hutson has made a very significant contribution to G8 Education during its transformation from a small listed company to a significant operator in the childcare and education sector. I am very confident that the Board transition will be a positive one and that the performance of G8 Education will continue to be exceptional. On behalf of the Board I wish her the best in her future endeavours and thank her for a very significant contribution to G8 Education.'*

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Chris Scott
Managing Director