



## ASX/Media Announcement

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### Changes to Board

Hot Rock Limited (**ASX code HRL, "HRL"**) announces the resignation of Chairman Norm Zillman due to ongoing health issues. Norm has been a founding director of HRL and played a pivotal role in the direction and development of the company.

HRL also announces the internal appointment of Dr Mark Elliott to the position of Executive Chairman and Mr Peter Barnett to the position of Managing Director with effect from the date of this announcement.

The Board of HRL now consists of

- Dr Mark Elliott      Executive Chairman
- Mr Peter Barnett    Managing Director
- Mr Mike Sandy      Non-Executive Director
- Mr Stephen Bizzell   Non-Executive Director

Executive Chairman, Dr Mark Elliott commented on Mr Zillman's resignation said "Norm Zillman has made a significant contribution to HRL's development. He has been Chairman of the company since prior to its ASX listing and has been instrumental in guiding the company from a startup stage to a company moving into a major proof of concept geothermal drilling and development stage. His dedication, enthusiasm and wisdom are greatly appreciated and will be sadly missed."

Mark Elliott  
**Executive Chairman**

### About Hot Rock

Hot Rock Limited is a pure geothermal energy company that offers investors an opportunity to participate in socially responsible and ethical investment choices through the development of sustainable, emission-free, base load power generation.

Strategically, HRL has elected to focus on the commercially proven Hot Sedimentary Aquifer (HSA) and Volcanic Geothermal type projects in its quest to become a leading producer of geothermal power.

In Australia, the company is focussed on developing HSA projects in its large Otway Basin permits, south-west Victoria. On the 14 December 2009, HRL was offered a Geothermal Drilling Program (GDP) grant for \$7million from the Australian government. The grant funds are to go toward the drilling and testing program of its maiden flagship geothermal project at Koroit in the Otway Basin, starting in 2010, followed by the development of a pilot plant by early 2011.

International expansion is occurring in South America with the establishment of our Santiago office and lodging exploration applications covering exciting high temperature volcanic prospects in Chile.

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