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GLOBALLY-REGARDED AND EXPERIENCED BUSINESSMAN PHILIP BOWMAN TO CHAIR SKY

Following the retirement of long-standing Chairman Peter Macourt, Philip Bowman has been appointed Chair of Sky, effective 1 September 2019.

CEO Martin Stewart welcomed the appointment, saying “Mr Bowman is an experienced and distinguished businessman who has led several major global companies and served on the board of a significant number of public and private companies. He brings knowledge of the media sector, including having served on the board of Sky UK for ten years.

“We are delighted that someone of Philip’s calibre and experience is joining the Sky board, and look forward to working with him.”

As signalled at last year’s AGM, Peter Macourt is standing down as Chair at the end of this month. He will remain a Director on the board until the AGM in October.

“Peter Macourt has served on the Sky board for 17 years, and we are grateful for his considerable contribution to our business. We will acknowledge his service more fully when we farewell him later this year, but for now we thank him for his expert guidance and commitment to Sky.”

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Editor’s notes:

Philip Bowman is an Australian businessman who now lives in Auckland.

He has a degree with honours in Natural Sciences (University of Cambridge) and Master in Natural Sciences (University of Cambridge). He is also a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales.

He started his career at Price Waterhouse in 1974 subsequently working for private companies in the Middle East and the USA. From 1985 to 1995 he worked for brewer Bass, rising to Group Finance Director, then Chief Executive of Bass Retail.

Between 1998 and 2005 he worked for Allied Domecq in the UK, and was appointed to CEO in 1999. After substantially improving operating performance, he negotiated the sale of the group to Pernod Ricard in 2006.

In 2006, he was appointed as CEO of Scottish Power and oversaw the sale of the group to Spain's Iberdrola December 2007. Later that year he was then appointed CEO of Smiths Group, retiring at the end of 2015.

Philip has been the senior non-executive director of Burberry and was previously Chairman of Liberty, Coral Eurobet and Miller Group, and a non-executive director of Scottish & Newcastle, and British Sky Broadcasting.

He currently sits on the boards of Kathmandu, Ferrovial SA and Better Capital PCC.

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