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**Ms Emma Badhni  
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Dear Ms Badhni  
**NATIONAL HIRE GROUP LIMITED ("the Company")**

Thank you for your letter of 3 September 2008 regarding listing rules 3.19A and 3.19B and Guidance Note 22: "Director Disclosure of Interests and Transactions in Securities – Obligations of Listed Entities".

In response I advise as follows:

- 1 "Please explain why the Appendices were lodged late."

Neither Mr Langouant nor Mr De Santis (an alternate director) had notifiable interests in the securities of the Company, a fact that the Company was aware of at the date of their appointment. However, it is acknowledged that there remains an obligation for the Company to lodge an Appendix 3X regardless of their lack of notifiable interests with failure to do so, on these two occasions, being an administrative oversight.

- 2 "What arrangements does the Company have in place with its directors to ensure that it is able to meet its disclosure obligations under listing rule 3.19A."

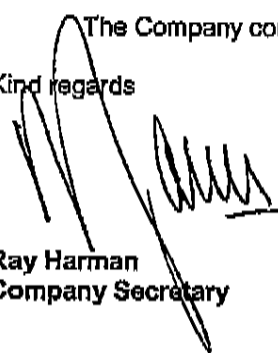
Under clause 12 of the Company's Corporate Governance, Securities Trading Policy, the directors of the Company are required to provide to the Company details of their trading in the Company's securities and for the Company Secretary to lodge the Appendix 3X, 3Y or 3Z (as appropriate) in accordance with Listing Rule 3.19A.

It is the Company Secretary's responsibility to ensure that all lodgements are undertaken in accordance with the Listing Rules.

3. "If the current arrangements are inadequate or not being enforced, what additional steps does the Company intend to take to ensure compliance with listing rule 3.19B."

The Company considers that the current procedures are appropriate and adequate.

Kind regards

  
Ray Harman  
Company Secretary

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By Email

Dear Ray

**National Hire Group Limited (the "Company")**

We refer to the following;

1. The Appendix 3X lodged by the Company with ASX Limited ("ASX") on 28 August 2008 confirming the appointment of Mr Vincent De Santis as an alternate director of the Company effective 30 January 2008.
2. The Appendix 3X lodged by the Company with ASX on 28 August 2008 confirming the appointment of Mr John Langoulant as a director of the Company effective 12 May 2008.
3. Listing rule 3.19A which requires an entity to tell ASX the following:

*The notifiable interests of a director of the entity (or in the case of a trust, a director of the responsible entity of the trust) at the following times.*

- *On the date that the entity is admitted to the official list.*
- *On the date that a director is appointed.*

*The entity must complete Appendix 3X and give it to ASX no more than 5 business days after the entity's admission or a director's appointment.*

4. Listing rule 3.19B which states as follows:

*An entity must make such arrangements as are necessary with a director of the entity (or in the case of a trust, a director of the responsible entity of the trust) to ensure that the director discloses to the entity all the information required by the entity to give ASX completed Appendices 3X, 3Y and 3Z within the time period allowed by listing rule 3.19A. The entity must enforce the arrangements with the director.*

5. The Companies Update dated 27 June 2008, reminding listed entities of their obligation to notify ASX within 5 business days of the notifiable interests in securities held by each director and outlining the action that ASX would take in relation to breaches of listings rules 3.19A and 3.19B.

As the Appendix 3X for Mr De Santis indicated that the director was appointed on 30 January 2008 it appears that the Appendix 3X should have been lodged with ASX by 6 February 2008. Furthermore, the Appendix 3X for

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Mr Langouiant should have been lodged by 19 May 2008 as the director was appointed on 12 May 2008. Consequently, the Company may be in breach of listing rules 3.19A and/or 3.19B.

Please note that ASX is required to record details of breaches of the listing rules by listed companies for its reporting requirements.

ASX reminds the Company of its contract with ASX to comply with the listing rules. In the circumstances ASX considers that it is appropriate that the Company make necessary arrangements to ensure there is not a reoccurrence of a breach of the listing rules.

Having regard to listing rules 3.19A and 3.19B and Guidance Note 22: "Director Disclosure of Interests and Transactions in Securities - Obligations of Listed Entities", we ask that you answer each of the following questions.

1. Please explain why the Appendices were lodged late.
2. What arrangements does the Company have in place with its directors to ensure that it is able to meet its disclosure obligations under listing rule 3.19A?
3. If the current arrangements are inadequate or not being enforced, what additional steps does the Company intend to take to ensure compliance with listing rule 3.19B?

Your response should be sent to me by e-mail at [emma.badhni@asx.com.au](mailto:emma.badhni@asx.com.au) or by facsimile on facsimile number (02) 9241 7620. It should not be sent to the Company Announcements Office.

A response is requested as soon as possible and, in any event, not later than half an hour before the start of trading (i.e. before 9.30 a.m. A.E.S.T.) on Monday, 8 September 2008.

Under listing rule 18.7A, a copy of this query and your response will be released to the market, so your response should be in a form suitable for release and must separately address each of the questions asked. If you have any queries or concerns, please contact me immediately.

Yours sincerely,

*(sent electronically without signature)*

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