

ASX Announcement 20 May 2010

New Chairman Appointment

National Hire Group Limited (ASX: **NHR**) today announced that John Langoulant will resign as Chairman of National Hire with immediate effect and be succeeded by Richard Court AC as Chairman.

Mr Langoulant became a director of National Hire in May 2008 and Chairman in June 2008. Mr Langoulant has decided to stand down given the commitment required by his role as Chief Executive of Oakajee Port and Rail (**OPR**), which is building and will operate rail and port infrastructure to transport iron ore from Western Australia's mid-west region to customers across the globe.

Mr Court became a director of National Hire in July 2008. Mr Court was Premier and Treasurer of Western Australia from 1993 to 2001. He was also previously a director of Allight, National Hire's wholly owned subsidiary.

The Board of National Hire extends its thanks to Mr Langoulant and wishes him all the best in his role with OPR.

As a result of Mr Langoulant's resignation, Peter Gammell will cease to be an alternate director of National Hire.

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About National Hire

National Hire Group Limited owns an equipment sales and support business which operates under the name Allight and a 46.1% interest in Coates Group Holdings Pty Ltd which owns the Coates Hire business.

Allight manufactures, assembles, sells and supports mobile lighting, power generation and dewatering equipment and distributes Perkins engines, FG Wilson power generation sets and Godwin wetends.

Coates Hire is the largest rental business in Australia and is one of the largest rental businesses globally. Coates Hire has been hiring equipment to the mining construction and event management sectors for more than a century, and today has a network of over 200 branches across Australia.