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NATIONAL HIRE GROUP LIMITED (“NHR”) TRADING UPDATE

Based on current internal management accounts, NHR expects that NPAT for the first half of the 2012 financial year will be in the range of \$18 million to \$24 million, compared with \$10.3 million in the first half of the 2011 financial year.

This estimate assumes a continuation of current trading conditions for the balance of the financial year in both Coates Hire and AllightSykes and no other unexpected events.

The improved result is expected to be driven by:

- improved performance from NHR's investment in Coates Hire;
- improved trading in the AllightSykes business, including a full six month contribution of the acquisition of Sykes Group.

NHR considers that the current economic environment and the fact that we are only 2 months into the current financial year makes it difficult to provide any reliable guidance on the full year.

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About National Hire

National Hire Group Limited owns equipment sales and support businesses which operates under the name Allight, Sykes and Primax 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 and power generation equipment and distributes Perkins engines, FG Wilson power generation sets and Rotair compressors. Sykes and Primax manufacture, sell and support dewatering solutions globally.

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.