



Board Renewal Programme Update - Appointment of New Chairman

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Aristocrat Leisure Limited (ASX: ALL) today announced the appointment of Dr Ian Blackburne as Chairman Elect of the Company subject to the expected receipt of all necessary regulatory pre-approvals.

Dr Blackburne's appointment as Chairman will take effect 1 December 2010¹. Mr David Simpson will continue as Chairman until that date and subsequently retire as a Non-executive Director at the conclusion of the Board meeting on 17 December 2010.

Dr Blackburne's nomination for appointment to the Board was announced on 13 November 2009 and was approved by shareholders at the Company's 2010 Annual General Meeting, subject to the receipt of all necessary regulatory pre-approvals. These regulatory pre-approvals are expected in the second half of this year. A summary of Dr Blackburne's career is attached.

Mr Simpson said "It has been an honour serving the Company over the past seven years and I look forward to working with Ian Blackburne over the coming months to ensure a seamless transition. Ian continues to make a significant contribution in his role as Non-Executive Director Elect and will provide strong leadership as the Company moves forward with its turnaround plan."

Dr Blackburne said "On behalf of the Board, I would like to express my thanks to David Simpson for the significant contribution he has made to the Company, not only as Chairman, but since his nomination as a Director in 2003.

"I am very pleased to have been chosen as the next Chairman of Aristocrat and look forward to working with CEO Jamie Odell and his executive team in implementing the Company's turnaround plan over the next few years."

The Company also announced that Mr Bill Baker will be retiring from the Board on 4 January 2011 after 12 years service.

Mr Simpson said "On behalf of the Board, I would like to express my thanks to Bill Baker. Bill has provided meritorious service to the Company over many years and has also demonstrated excellent leadership as Chair of the Regulatory and Compliance Committee."

¹ Subject to all necessary regulatory pre-approvals

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Career Summary – Dr Ian Blackburne

Dr Ian Blackburne is Chairman of CSR Limited and a director of Teekay Corporation (listed on the NYSE). Dr Blackburne is also a current director of Suncorp-Metway Limited, however as announced, he will retire from this office on 31 August 2010. A former research scientist, he spent 25 years in the petroleum industry in technical, manufacturing, marketing and strategic planning roles, as well as serving as Managing Director of Caltex Australia Limited.

Dr Blackburne has been a director of various public companies for more than 10 years including formerly, Symbion Health Limited. He has also been Chairman of the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation, Chairman of the Royal Botanic Gardens and also a director of Centec Limited and Airservices Australia.

He has a PhD (1971) and MBA (1982) from the University of Queensland. He is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering. In 2003 he received the Centenary Medal for services to the technological industry.