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SKILLED Group announces Board Changes and appoints Company Secretary and Group General Counsel

The Chairman of SKILLED Group Limited ("SKILLED") (ASX: SKE), Mr Ken V. Loughnan AO, today announced the following changes to the SKILLED Group Board:

- **Appointment of independent non-executive director – Mr Max Findlay**
The Board is pleased to announce Mr Max Findlay has been appointed to the Board as an independent non-executive director, effective today.

Mr Findlay has had a long and distinguished career in services and manufacturing. He worked with Programmed Maintenance Services for over 20 years and held the positions of Business Development Manager, General Manager and Managing Director, a role he assumed for 18 years. Prior to joining PMS, Mr Findlay's experience included 11 years with Australian Consolidated Industries, three years with Vinyl Clad (a division of Smith & Nephew) and five years with James Sephton Plastics.

- **Resignation of Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer – Mr John Dixon**
Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Mr John Dixon, has resigned from SKILLED Group's Board to pursue his own interests, effective today.

Mr Dixon will continue to play an important role within SKILLED Group. He will stay on as an advisor to the business, and will chair the Offshore Marine Services Alliance Joint Venture (OMSA) Board.

- **Appointment of Company Secretary and Group General Counsel – Mr Tim Paine**
The Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Tim Paine as our Company Secretary and Group General Counsel, effective Monday 29 March.

Mr Paine has over 17 years experience in corporate counsel and company secretary roles in organisations. For the past two years he managed his own consulting company. Prior to that Mr Paine spent four years at Symbion Health (formerly Mayne Group) as General Counsel and Company Secretary and 12 years at ANZ Bank in a variety of legal counsel roles including Deputy Group General Counsel and Corporate Secretary.

Mr Brendan Maher has been performing the role of Company Secretary since mid 2009, following the passing of Mr Ken Bieg. Mr Maher will be leaving SKILLED Group to pursue other interests.

Commenting on the changes to the SKILLED Group Board Mr Loughnan said:

The appointment of Max Findlay and the departure of John Dixon will retain the number of SKILLED Group Directors at eight, comprising six non-executive directors and two executive directors.

With his extensive commercial and corporate background, and ASX listed experience, Mr Findlay is an ideal candidate to join the Board. In particular, his experience as a company director and chief executive as the former Managing Director of Programmed Maintenance Services will be a valuable addition to SKILLED Group.

I am pleased that John Dixon will continue to be associated with SKILLED Group. He will stay on as an advisor to the business and will chair the Offshore Marine Services Alliance Joint Venture (OMSA) Board. The Board wish John all the very best with his planned endeavours.

Tim Paine is a highly-experienced and capable individual who will give SKILLED Group renewed corporate oversight. This will be vital as we face the new challenges and opportunities that present themselves to us as we come out of the economic downturn and as we continue our job of delivering a high-performance business.

Brendan Maher leaves SKILLED Group with our great appreciation for his valuable contribution to the company over the last seven years.

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About SKILLED Group

SKILLED Group Limited is Australia and New Zealand's leading provider of labour hire and staffing services. SKILLED Group has over 160 offices across Australasia with annualised revenues approaching \$2 billion. SKILLED partners with clients to improve their workforce efficiency and increase their productivity levels and provides staffing services to the industrial, call centre and healthcare sectors. SKILLED is listed on the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX: SKE) and has approximately 6,200 shareholders, predominantly in Australia.