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## SKILLED GROUP TO ACQUIRE THE LONGHILL GROUP

SKILLED Group Limited ("SKILLED") (ASX: SKE) today announced it had entered into a contract to acquire the Longhill Group for an estimated \$5.0 million. The acquisition price is based on a multiple of 3.25 times average EBIT for the 2008 financial year with an initial upfront payment of \$300,000. Subject to a number of conditions precedent being met, the deal is expected to settle by the end of February 2008.

Established in 2004, the Longhill Group provides plant machine operators to the civil and mining business in Victoria and southern New South Wales. The business generates annualised revenue of approximately \$11 million.

Commenting on the acquisition, Greg Hargrave, MD and CEO of SKILLED Group said:

"SKILLED continues to lead the consolidation of the fragmented staffing services sector by acquiring quality bolt-on businesses. The acquisition of Longhill provides us with access to a pool of new field employees and clients in key industry sectors."

Following settlement the business will be integrated into the SKILLED Brand structure.

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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 around \$2 billion. SKILLED partners with clients to improve their workforce efficiency and increase their productivity levels and provides staffing services to the industrial and healthcare sectors. SKILLED is listed on the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX: SKE) and has approximately 6,200 shareholders, predominantly in Australia.