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SKILLED GROUP ACQUIRES PACIFIC RELINES FOR \$8.8 MILLION

SKILLED Group Limited ("SKILLED") (ASX: SKE) today announced the acquisition of Pacific Relines, a niche operator providing shutdown maintenance services to mining sites, for \$8.8 million. An additional earn-out bonus is payable in 2008 and 2009 if certain financial targets are met. The purchase price is based on an EBIT multiple of 4.0 times and will be fully debt funded.

Established in 1996, Pacific Relines is a 'fly in fly out' business providing the personnel and equipment to reline grinding mills and crushers at hard rock mining sites such as gold, copper, lead, silver and zinc mines. Mill relining is critical to the operation of the mine and is a key driver in the timing of mine shutdowns. The replacement of mill liners varies depending on the intensity of use with high usage sites requiring substitution every couple of months. Pacific Relines currently undertakes around 100 mill relines annually, predominantly in northern Queensland, and has an estimated market share of 6%.

Peter Paterson, Pacific Relines Managing Director has committed to a three year employment contract and the business will be bolted-on to SKILLED Services, SKILLED's expanding maintenance and project division.

Commenting on the acquisition, Greg Hargrave said:

"Pacific Relines is an excellent addition to our portfolio of staffing services. The business operates in a highly fragmented market and we are looking forward to working with Peter and leveraging off SKILLED's strong mining client base to increase market share. Western Australia, in particular, presents a strong growth opportunity for the business."

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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 150 offices across Australasia with annualised revenues around \$1.6 billion. SKILLED partners with clients to improve their workforce efficiency and increase their productivity levels and provides staffing services to the blue collar, call centre and nursing sectors. SKILLED is listed on the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX: SKE) and has approximately 6,200 shareholders, predominantly in Australia.