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New Chairman

Mr Pat Elliott has been appointed Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company.

Former Chairman, Mr. Peter Atkinson, welcomed the appointment saying, "Pat Elliott has extensive experience in the resources sector in Australia and overseas that will be invaluable to Heritage. His appointment gives Australian based investors and stockbrokers a local contact, reflecting increased Australian interest in the Company".

Heritage's major focus is the development of its gold projects in the Waihi district of New Zealand, where it recently announced a resource of 109,600oz of gold and 438,400oz of silver at the Talisman mine.

Mr. Atkinson will continue as Managing Director. Splitting the roles of Managing Director and Chairman is in accordance with corporate governance best practice.

Sue Sangster
Company Secretary