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The Company Announcement Officer
Australian Stock Exchange Limited
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Dear Sir / Madam

**HERON RESOURCES LIMITED (ASX Code HRR)
BOARD APPOINTMENT OF DR ALLAN TRENCH**

Heron Resources Limited ("Heron") wishes to advise that it has appointed Dr Allan Trench (BSc (Hons), PhD, MSc (Min Econ), MBA (Oxon)) as a non-executive director. Dr Trench replaces Mr Ross Arancini as a non-executive director, Mr Arancini having resigned as a result of his increasing executive commitments elsewhere.

Dr Trench is a business management consultant, mineral economist and geologist, with an in-depth experience in strategic planning, market analysis and value-based acquisitions across a range of companies and commodities, including the nickel, cobalt, precious metals and industrial mineral sectors. Amongst other credits, Dr Trench is a former consultant with management group McKinsey and Company, and was an exploration manager at WMC operating in the Kalgoorlie Goldfields. Dr Trench's experience and track record in the minerals industry is outstanding.

Dr Trench's appointment is an extremely positive outcome for Heron, strengthening key strategic, commercial and technical resources during an exciting growth stage in the Company's development. Specifically, an important aspect of Dr Trench's mandate is to assist the Company in crystallising the optimum economic return from the high quality mineral assets in which the Company is in current commercial negotiation.

Dr Trench also maintains strong academic links, with appointments as Adjunct Associate Professor in Mineral Economics at the Western Australian School of Mines and to the Geology & Geophysics Department at the University of Western Australia.

Yours sincerely

Ian Buchhorn
Managing Director