

The Company Announcement Officer
Australian Stock Exchange Limited
Post Office Box H224 - Australia Square
SYDNEY NSW 2000

19 December 2006

Dear Sir / Madam

Appointment of Ken Hellsten as Non-executive Director

Heron Resources Limited (**Heron**) is pleased to announce the appointment of Ken Hellsten to the Board of Heron as a Non-executive Director.


Since graduation with first class honours (Geology) from Monash University, Mr Hellsten has worked continuously in the resources industry for over 25 years. He has been employed in senior executive roles ranging from exploration to development and operations in both large and small organisations. During the past 12 years Mr Hellsten has led teams responsible for the completion of feasibility studies and project development, of Cawse and Ravensthorpe HPAL nickel laterite projects. Mr Hellsten went on to commission the Cawse project on schedule and on budget through to successful start-up. In senior executive roles with BHP Billiton, Centaur Mining and Billiton Australia, Mr Hellsten has established a record of the successful delivery of projects and operations, in depth knowledge of the nickel industry and benchmark safety, environmental and community outcomes

Heron Chairman Craig Readhead said Mr Hellsten's broad experience in the development and start-up of major mining and processing operations would substantially increase the Board's capability to deliver on Heron's growth targets in the nickel sector, particularly with the Jump-up Dam and the Kalgoorlie Nickel Projects.

"Ken has outstanding technical knowledge and vast experience in the development of major nickel projects, including responsibility for the first-class technical studies that underpinned the development of major nickel projects such as Cawse and Ravensthorpe" said Mr Readhead.

As well as his exploration, development and operations background, Mr Hellsten brings experience in the funding of major projects and extensive knowledge in working with government agencies and the community, delivering important outcomes for all stakeholders.

Yours faithfully,



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Initial Director's Interest Notice

Information or documents not available now must be given to ASX as soon as available. Information and documents given to ASX become ASX's property and may be made public.

Introduced 30/9/2001.

Name of entity	HERON RESOURCES LIMITED
ABN	30 068 263 098

We (the entity) give ASX the following information under listing rule 3.19A.1 and as agent for the director for the purposes of section 205G of the Corporations Act.

Name of Director	MR KENNETH JOHN HELLSTEN
Date of appointment	15 December 2006

Part 1 - Director's relevant interests in securities of which the director is the registered holder

In the case of a trust, this includes interests in the trust made available by the responsible entity of the trust

Note: In the case of a company, interests which come within paragraph (i) of the definition of "notifiable interest of a director" should be disclosed in this part.

Number & class of securities
Nil

+ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

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Part 2 – Director's relevant interests in securities of which the director is not the registered holder

In the case of a trust, this includes interests in the trust made available by the responsible entity of the trust

Name of holder & nature of interest	Number & class of Securities
Note: Provide details of the circumstances giving rise to the relevant interest. Nil	

Part 3 – Director's interests in contracts

Note: In the case of a company, interests which come within paragraph (ii) of the definition of "notifiable interest of a director" should be disclosed in this part.

Detail of contract	Not Applicable
Nature of interest	Not Applicable
Name of registered holder (if issued securities)	Not Applicable
No. and class of securities to which interest relates	Not Applicable

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