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ASX Announcement Hamilton James & Bruce expands into Canberra and the Gold Coast

Monday 26th February 2007: Listed recruitment company, Hamilton James & Bruce Group Limited (ASX: HJB), today announced their expansion into two new markets – Canberra and the Gold Coast.

The expansion into Canberra will be led by former Hudson Manager and experienced recruiter, Mr Leslie Herbert. Herbert will open the Canberra office and drive Hamilton James & Bruce's entry and subsequent growth in that market. Herbert has recruited in the Canberra market for over 10 years and joins the company with strong and established networks.

Hamilton James & Bruce's expansion into the Gold Coast comes from the acquisition of established Gold Coast recruitment business, Provincial Personnel. The business was purchased from its current owners, Peter Lyons & Carolyn Dalton, for \$300,000 together with continued service contracts. Both Lyons and Dalton will remain in the business and play key roles during the transition and integration of Provincial Personnel into Hamilton James & Bruce.

Provincial Personnel has a strong reputation in the business support, accounting and hospitality areas, thereby adding strength to Hamilton James & Bruce's already well established Brisbane business and further complimenting their growing network.

Executive Chairman and CEO Deborah Wilson said, "Hamilton James & Bruce is continually looking for strategic growth opportunities, either organically or by acquisition.

"The expansion into new geographic regions marks an exciting period for Hamilton James & Bruce. Our presence in Canberra is long overdue and expanding organically in this key market will further compliment our already strong national Government business. We are delighted to have Leslie on board to manage, grow and promote our Canberra business.

"The acquisition of Provincial Personnel is a strategic move which strengthens and compliments our existing Queensland business. We are pleased to welcome the Provincial Personnel team, headed by Peter and Carolyn, as part of our organisation," she added.

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About Hamilton James & Bruce Group Limited

Established in 1979, Hamilton James & Bruce Group Limited is one of Australia's leading publicly listed recruitment organisations. At the forefront of providing permanent, temporary and contracting recruitment services to businesses nationally, Hamilton James & Bruce provides a recruitment partnership with an unsurpassed reputation, a strong brand name, and a generalist consultancy with specialist capabilities.

The Hamilton James & Bruce Group Limited comprises the brands Hamilton James & Bruce, HJB Bowdens and IT Resources Group.

Employing approximately 180 staff in five locations - Sydney, Parramatta, Melbourne, Canberra and Brisbane - the Hamilton James & Bruce Group Limited provides a completely integrated service to clients locally and internationally.

About Provincial Personnel

Since 1982 Provincial Personnel has built a first class reputation based on repeat business and customer satisfaction, living up to its motto: "you always need the best".

The directors started with clear goals: to really make a difference; to improve clients' profitability, performance and productivity; to find the best people available; to find the best job opportunities; and the same determination fires the performance of the consulting team today.

This philosophy has stood the test of time with many early clients still retaining the firm. Along the way, Provincial Personnel established an unchallenged standard for recruitment integrity and the use of cutting-edge computer technologies.