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Press Release

Hamilton James & Bruce Group Limited (Company) - Postponement of Extraordinary General Meeting

14 August 2009

- The Extraordinary General Meeting (**EGM**) of Hamilton James & Bruce Group Limited will be postponed from 25 August 2009 to 23 September 2009.
- The EGM will now be held at 10:00am (Sydney time) on Wednesday, 23 September 2009 at Level 12, 20 Bridge Street, Sydney.

The need to postpone the EGM has arisen due to the lodgement by Charterhouse Pte Ltd of a Bidder's Statement with the Australian Securities and Investment Commission and Australian Securities Exchange on 4 August 2009, which contained a cash offer for Charterhouse Pte Ltd to acquire all of the ordinary shares in the Company.

Shareholders should expect to receive Charterhouse's Bidder Statement in the mail shortly after 18 August and HJB's Target Statement in response in early September.

As a result, the directors of the Company consider the postponement of the EGM necessary to ensure that the shareholders have the opportunity to make a determination in relation to the Bidder's Statement. In addition, the directors wish to ensure that no action is taken by the Company which may result in the withdrawal of the offer by Charterhouse Pte Ltd.

The directors of the Company expect that the period in which the proposed takeover will occur will have expired by 23 September 2009.

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