



# Media Release

## **DEPARTURE OF MR JOHN BORGHETTI, GROUP EXECUTIVE – QANTAS AIRLINES**

**SYDNEY, 7 April 2009:** Qantas Chief Executive Officer, Mr Alan Joyce, today announced that Mr John Borghetti, Group Executive – Qantas Airlines, will leave the company with effect from 4 May 2009.

“John Borghetti recently discussed his role in the company with me,” Mr Joyce said.

“It is no coincidence that 4 May 2009 is the 36<sup>th</sup> anniversary of John commencing his career with Qantas. While we are disappointed that he is leaving, we respect his view that thirty-six years with one employer definitely shows commitment over and above the norm.

“John has made a very considerable contribution to the Qantas executive team since my appointment as CEO and I would like to thank him personally for this and for his long-term commitment to the company, its employees, customers and shareholders.

“He has been generous with both his time and knowledge as we have been going through the difficult task of putting a new management structure in place at Qantas,” Mr Joyce added.

“I have enjoyed my time with Qantas and leave knowing our succession planning has developed a new generation of senior leaders who are well-prepared to take over the reins,” Mr Borghetti said.

“Qantas has a clear strategy for the future and a great team leading the business, so now is the time for me to explore the opportunities I have been wanting to explore. I wish Qantas and each member of the Qantas team every success for the future.”

Mr Joyce said Mr Borghetti’s departure would trigger some changes to senior executive responsibilities. Mr Rob Gurney will be appointed to the Executive Committee in the role of Group Executive – Qantas Airlines, Commercial, as will Ms Lesley Grant as Executive Manager – Customer and Marketing, reporting directly to the CEO.

“On behalf of the Board and all the team at Qantas, I wish John all the best in his future endeavours. We will not forget his contribution,” Mr Joyce said.

“All of us who have worked with John during his 36 years at Qantas feel sure that he will be successful at whatever he chooses to do.

“During his career at Qantas, John has notched up some major achievements, making Qantas a world leader when it comes to airline product innovation and service delivery. John’s significant contribution to the Qantas Group’s commercial strategy should also be recognised.

“John developed the world’s best airport lounges, he enlisted the services of great creative spirits like Neil Perry and Marc Newson, his vision led to the Qantas A380 being the world’s first designer passenger aircraft and, most recently, he drove the creation of our new \$10 million Centre of Service Excellence.”

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**APPENDIX****Mr Rob Gurney**

Rob Gurney has more than 20 years experience in commercial aviation gained with two of the world's leading airlines, Qantas and British Airways. He was appointed to the role of Group General Manager Sales and Distribution for Qantas Airlines in October 2003. Rob joined Qantas in 1982, where he developed broad commercial and operational experience before moving to British Airways in 1993 to take on a variety of sales and marketing roles. He rejoined Qantas in 1997, and his positions have included Manager UK, Europe and South East Asia, where he was responsible for pricing strategy and route inventory for those regions, and General Manager Joint Services Agreement, which involved managing the alliance relationship between Qantas and British Airways. Prior to his current appointment, Rob was Group General Manager UK/Europe/S.E.Asia and Group General Manager International Sales. Rob has a degree in Economics and a Business degree majoring in Accounting.

**Ms Lesley Grant**

Lesley Grant was appointed Group General Manager Customer, Product and Service in Qantas Airways in May 2002. Before joining Qantas Airways, Lesley was the Senior Vice President Customer Service at Ansett/Air New Zealand Group. Lesley has more than 15 years senior line management and operations experience in dynamic, highly competitive and complex airline businesses. She has managed across different jurisdictions with large, remote and multicultural workforces and lead large scale transformational change programs. Lesley has extensive experience in developing and implementing new products and services across diverse markets contributing to profitability, market competitiveness and innovation. Lesley has been a Director of UNICEF Australia since June 2006 and is a member of the Chief Executive Women organisation.