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ASX / TSX ANNOUNCEMENT

Appointment of new Chairman

Orocobre Limited (ORE:ASX ORL:TSX) (**Orocobre** or the **Company**) wishes to advise that Mr. James Calaway has resigned as a Director and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Orocobre.

Current non-executive Director, Mr. Robert Hubbard has been appointed Chairman to replace him.

Mr. Calaway joined the Board of Orocobre in 2009 as Non-Executive Chairman and has guided the Company from a junior explorer through to a globally significant lithium producer. Over that time the Company's market capitalisation has grown from A\$30 million to over A\$1 billion, which recently resulted in the Company's admission to the S&P ASX All Australian 200 index.

Mr. Calaway leaves the Company in a strong position approaching the completion of the ramp-up of the Olaroz Lithium Facility to full nameplate production and with outstanding opportunities for expansion.

"Orocobre is a strong operating company with a deep bench of managerial talent and a cohesive and engaged Board of Directors," Mr. Calaway said.

"I have been deeply honoured to have had a meaningful role during the transformation of the Company, but believe that it is the right time for me to have more flexibility to pursue my other personal and business interests as I approach 60. This change will allow me to further expand my solar development company, DPP which also has interests in South America."

I want to thank our able team, led by Richard Seville, for making me an integral part of the development of the Company, and for the courage and grit that the team has displayed throughout the long process of making Olaroz a reality. I also want to thank my fellow directors. Each of them were brought onto the board during my tenure. They are a wise and fully engaged board that have always constructively worked through challenges in the interest of the Company and its stakeholders. I am confident that the Company is in the best of hands. I have also worked extensively with Rob Hubbard over the last few years and know he will be a fine chairman. I am humbled and proud to have been the Chairman of this Board over these many years of growth and real wealth creation."

CEO and Managing Director Richard Seville said "It has been a great privilege working with James over the last seven years. It has been a great Chairman/Managing Director partnership. He is a man of great commitment and has made a significant contribution to the company with his ideas, energy and enthusiasm and I would like to formally thank him and wish him success with his other ventures.

I would also like to congratulate Robert Hubbard on his appointment to the role of Chairman, having already held the role of Chair of the Audit Committee. Rob brings a great wealth of knowledge and experience along with a strong background in Corporate Governance," he said.

Mr. Hubbard was previously a partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers for over 20 years where he served as auditor and advisor for some of Australia's largest resource companies with activities throughout Australia, Papua New Guinea, West Africa and South America.

Mr. Hubbard is also a non-executive Director of Bendigo and Adelaide Bank, Primary Health Care Limited and Chairman of Central Petroleum Limited.

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About Orocobre Limited

Orocobre Limited is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange and Toronto Stock Exchange (ASX:ORE) (TSX:ORL), and is building a substantial Argentinian-based industrial chemicals and minerals company through the construction and operation of its portfolio of lithium, potash and boron projects and facilities in the Puna region of northern Argentina. The Company has built, in partnership with Toyota Tsusho Corporation and JEMSE, the first large-scale, greenfield brine based lithium project in approximately 20 years at the Salar de Olaroz with planned production of 17,500 tonnes per annum of low-cost battery grade lithium carbonate.

The Olaroz Lithium Facility has a low environmental footprint because of the following aspects of the process:

- The process is designed to have a high processing recovery of lithium. With its low unit costs, the process will result in low cut-off grades, which will maximise resource recovery.
- The process route is designed with a zero liquid discharge design. All waste products are stored in permanent impoundments (the lined evaporation ponds). At the end of the project life the ponds will be capped and returned to a similar profile following soil placement and planting of original vegetation types.
- Brine is extracted from wells with minimum impact on freshwater resources outside the salar. Because the lithium is in sedimentary aquifers with relatively low permeability, drawdowns are limited to the salar itself. This is different from halite hosted deposits such as Salar de Atacama, Salar de Hombre Muerto and Salar de Rincon where the halite bodies have very high near surface permeability and the drawdown cones can impact on water resources around the Salar affecting the local environment.
- Energy used to concentrate the lithium in the brine is solar energy. The carbon footprint is lower than other processes.
- The technology developed has a very low maximum fresh water consumption of <20 l/s, which is low by industry standards.
- Sales de Jujuy S.A. is also committed to the ten principles of the sustainable development framework as developed by The International Council on Mining and Metals. The company has an active and well-funded "Shared Value" program aimed at the long term development of the local people.

The Company continues to follow the community and shared value policy to successfully work with suppliers and the employment bureau to focus on the hiring of local people from the communities of Olaroz, Huancar, Puesto Sey, Pastos Chicos, Catua, Susques, Jama, El Toro, Coranzulí, San Juan and Abrapampa. The project implementation is through EPCM (Engineering, Procurement and Construction Management) with a high proportion of local involvement through construction and supply contracts and local employment. The community and shared value policy continues to be a key success factor, training local people under the supervision of high quality experienced professionals.

The Company also wholly-owns Borax Argentina, an important regional borate producer.

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