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## Two new board directors for The Australian Ballet in 2010

John Borghetti (ex-Qantas) and John Ellice-Flint (ex-Santos)

Chairman of The Australian Ballet Board, Chris Knoblanche, today announced the appointments of John Borghetti (Sydney) and John Ellice-Flint (Adelaide) to the company's Board of Directors.

John Borghetti is the former Executive General Manager of Qantas. He joins the board after an impressive 36-year career with the airline before retiring earlier this year.

John Ellice-Flint transformed Santos Limited – Australia's largest domestic gas producer – into a top 20 ASX listed energy company as Managing Director from 2000-2008.

Knoblanche said the appointments were a major coup as The Australian Ballet looks forward to its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2012.

"Mr Borghetti and Mr Ellice-Flint will bring invaluable experience and skills to our board," Knoblanche said.

"Both have outstanding reputations in the Australian business community and we are incredibly lucky that they have agreed to join the board of this highly progressive and premier arts organisation."

**John Borghetti** joined Qantas Airways in 1973, was appointed Executive General Manager in November 2003, holding the position until his resignation in May 2009.

In this role, Borghetti was responsible for the airline's domestic and international operations. He was credited with making Qantas a world leader in airline product innovation and service delivery. In recent years he enlisted the likes of Neil Perry and Marc Newson to work with Qantas in a creative capacity, and drove the creation of the airline's recently opened \$10 million Centre of Service Excellence in Sydney.

Prior to this, he headed up Qantas' Global Sales and Marketing operations.

Borghetti served as Chairman on the Board of three Qantas subsidiary companies: Tour East Australia,

Tour East Singapore and Holiday Tours & Travel Singapore. He was also a Director of Jetset Travelworld, a company part-owned by Qantas. He has also served on the Board of Sydney FC.

He is currently a Director on the Board of CARE Australia and Piper Aircraft.

"I'm really looking forward to working with John where we will no doubt reap the rewards of his strategic marketing mind and extensive Board experience," said Knoblanche.

Following a 26 year overseas career at Unocal Corporation – a US headquartered international energy company – **John Ellice-Flint** became Managing Director of Santos Limited, Australia's largest domestic gas producer.

Under his directorship Santos' market capitalisation increased from \$3 billion to \$11 billion.

At Unocal, Ellice-Flint worked in many different countries across Asia, Europe and the US. As a highly successful geologist, he sourced new oil and gas fields around the world and from 1992 he took on a variety of senior executive positions within the company. Prior to returning to Australia in 2000, he held the position of Senior Vice President of Global Exploration and Corporate Research & Development.

Ellice-Flint became Chairman of the South Australian Museum in 2003, a role he still holds today. He was recently announced as Chairman of the Board of Clean Seas Tuna Limited. Since returning to Australia, he has been a keen supporter of The Australian Ballet and the dance community.

"John's wealth of international business expertise and leadership are an inspiration and wonderful asset for The Australian Ballet. He is also a great fan of ballet and has a unique insight into the art form," Knoblanche said.

Borghetti and Ellice-Flint will be formally elected at the 2010 Annual General Meeting.

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