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# **COCHLEAR BOARD CHANGES**

Cochlear Limited Chairman Mr Tommie Bergman today announced the following changes to the Board.

Mr Peter North AM and Mr Justus Veeneklaas have announced their decision to retire at the October 2006 AGM.

Mr North AM joined the Cochlear Limited's Board in February 1997 and has been chairman of the Technology and Innovation Committee since 2002. He has been a significant contributor to Cochlear Limited's development and his keen interest and understanding of R&D activities has served Cochlear Limited well.

Mr Veeneklaas has been a Director of Cochlear Limited since listing in 1995 and has made valuable contributions to the strategic development of Cochlear Limited. His international CEO experience and understanding of global marketing has been of great value to Cochlear Limited.

New appointments to the Board are anticipated by year end.

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