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## **BOARD CHANGES FOR AIM ADMISSION**

VRI has made the following changes to its board in preparation for admission to the AIM in London:

1. Mr Kim Slatyer has resigned as Executive Chairman and has been appointed CEO. This move is intended to comply with corporate governance recommendations.
2. The Hon Sir Victor Garland KBE has been appointed a non-executive Chairman based in the UK. This move is consistent with standard practice of Australian AIM - listed companies. Sir Victor is highly regarded in the UK capital markets, having served on the boards of some 30 companies including the global fund manager, Prudential.
3. Prof. Ron Penny AO has been appointed a non-executive director. Prof. Penny is an eminent Australian immunologist in both clinical and research areas.
4. Dr Peter French has resigned as a director and will continue to work for the company on innovation and business development initiatives.
5. Mr Bryan Gardiner has been appointed a non-executive director. Mr Gardiner is an Australian lawyer with considerable commercial, corporate and public company experience in Australia and Singapore.

Mr Geoff Wild AM, one of Australia's leading marketing and communications experts, will remain a non-executive director. Mr Wild has significant experience on public company boards.

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