



Housewares International Ltd
A.B.N. 90 086 933 431

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ASX Announcement

Advice of intended resignation of Chairman

The Company advises that it has received formal notification from Mr. Bill Wavish of his intention to tender his resignation as Chairman, and as a Director, of the Company at the Board Meeting to be held on 27 April 2006.

“Joe Hersch, the Company’s CEO, stated that “I would like to thank Bill on behalf of the Board for his tremendous contribution to the Company over the last sixteen months, in his capacity as both executive and non-executive Chairman.

I was delighted to receive the announcement that Bill would be taking up the post of Executive Chairman with Myer, a highly valued partner both for our electrical and homewares businesses.

I have no doubt that Bill will make an outstanding contribution in his new role and I wish him every success for the future.”

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Milburn'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'P' and 'M'.

Paul Milburn
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