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### **NETLINKZ APPOINTS DARREN PATTERSON AS A DIRECTOR**

Netlinkz Limited (ASX:NET) ('Netlinkz' or 'the Company') today announces that Mr Darren Patterson has joined the Company as a Non Executive Director.

Mr Patterson has more than 20 years' experience working with both start-up and blue-chip technology companies spanning Australia, Europe, the US and Asia. He has extensive experience in the fields of networking, systems integration, IT and telecommunications.

Mr Patterson's international career has seen him hold senior leadership roles with Yahoo, ECI Telecom, Energis Communications/Cable and Wireless PLC and Cisco Systems.

During his tenure at Cisco Systems he was a part of the team that redesigned China's internet architecture and backbone in partnership with China Telecom, while also servicing a host of other telecommunications businesses in the region including, Korea Telecom, Singtel, Vodafone and Telstra.

Mr Patterson has been closely involved with a number of start-up companies (either as a Founder or investor) that have been successfully acquired by larger organisations such as GoPro and Twitter.

"Darren is intimately familiar with the uniqueness of our technology and the inner workings of large telecommunication and technology businesses across the world. These facts coupled with his strong track record developing and executing large sales agreements make him a welcome addition to the Netlinkz Board," said Netlinkz Executive Chairman, James Tsiolis.

"Darren will play a vital role in shaping our international business development strategy and supporting our ongoing partnership with China Telecom," said James Tsiolis.

Mr Patterson holds an MBA from the University of Chicago, Booth School of Business and a Bachelor of Computer Science from the University of Technology, Sydney. He is also a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

#### **Tim Gooch Steps Down**

Mr Tim Gooch has resigned as a Director of Netlinkz and will be taking up a new role in the United States as a reseller of Netlinkz technology.

Mr Gooch was a co-founder of Netlinkz in 2004 and was its CEO up until early-2016.

In line with Netlinkz's new low cost licensing strategy, he will take up a key business development role within one of the Company's growing partners in the US.

“Amongst other notable achievements, Mr Gooch has been instrumental in shaping the proprietary technology, growing the company’s US presence and supporting the partnership with China Telecom,” continued Netlinkz Executive Chairman, James Tsiolis.

"Netlinkz would like to sincerely thank Tim for his support of the Company over such a long period and is looking forward to working with him to further develop the Company’s US footprint,” said James Tsiolis.

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### **About NetLinkz Limited**

Netlinkz provides secure and efficient cloud network solutions. The company’s technology makes Fortune-500 security commercially available for organizations of all sizes. Netlinkz has received numerous industry awards for its technology, including being a worldwide winner of the Global Security Challenge.