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INTERSTAFF COMPLETES NEGOTIATIONS WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON SECOND YEAR OF AGREEMENT

InterStaff Recruitment Ltd, Australia's premier ASX listed immigration and offshore recruitment firm today announced it has received the second year approval of its on-hire agreement with the Federal Government.

Under the terms of the agreement, InterStaff is one of the few immigration and recruitment firms which have the ability to source, secure and on-hire overseas personnel to enterprise and government clients for specified projects in areas of identified skills shortage. This is an exciting development for our clients.

A key benefit for InterStaff clients is the ability of contracted 457 employees to be able to move between various projects without the need for new visas, nominations or often sponsorships. This is particularly relevant in the resources sector where projects are often undertaken as joint venture arrangements.

Since the 1 October 2007, Australian on-hire firms who seek to recruit overseas workers to hire out to unrelated businesses need to apply for access to a labour agreement which is negotiated with the Departments of Immigration and Citizenship and Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

InterStaff will retain responsibility for the immigration processes required for these contractors; while in return, the Federal Government will expedite InterStaff's visa applications under the agreement.

The Managing Director of InterStaff, Dan Engles, commented that "the agreement provides a significant boost to the ability of InterStaff to provide flexible international personnel services to its clients. This is an important benefit to those companies operating in the resources sector".

"Providing access to a global pool of skilled workers is a critical need in the oil and gas sectors in particular and the resources sector more generally. Given the recent tightening of visa requirements for individuals and compliance requirements for sponsoring companies, it provides an alternative for those companies which want to focus on their own core business rather than deal with further government regulation" said Mr Engles.

Visas granted under the labour agreement will allow for temporary entry to Australia for periods of up to four years.

As part of its agreement, InterStaff has committed to supporting training through its corporate partner, Swan TAFE in areas of identified skill shortage. The first of the InterStaff scholarships were awarded recently at a ceremony held on the Bentley campus of Swan TAFE.

For more information about how InterStaff clients can access the agreement through the use of Contract Management, please contact Sarah Allen (sallen@interstaff.com).

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