



news release

24 April 2007

Peter Hawkins appointed Non-Executive Director of St.George Bank Limited

The Chairman of St.George Bank Limited, John Thame, is pleased to announce the appointment today of Mr Peter Hawkins as a non-executive director to the Board of the Bank. The Board now comprises ten directors, the maximum number permitted under the Bank's Constitution.

Mr Hawkins is Chairman of Visa International Asia Pacific and a director of Visa International, Mirvac Limited, Treasury Corporation of Victoria and Liberty Financial Pty Limited. He is also a director of Camberwell Grammar School.

Mr Hawkins holds a BCA (Hons) in Commerce and Administration from Victoria University, Wellington. He is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and Australian Institute of Bankers and an Associate Chartered Accountant (NZ).

Mr Hawkins' executive career spanned over 34 years in the banking sector, in Australia and overseas. He is 52 years old.

"Peter's expertise and knowledge, especially of the Australian retail banking industry, is highly valued by St.George. On behalf of the Board, we look forward to his involvement," Mr Thame said.

Mr Hawkins said; "I look forward to joining St George and making a meaningful contribution."

Mr Hawkins' appointment to the Board of the Bank will be effective from 24 April 2007 and, as required by the Bank's Constitution, his election by shareholders will be proposed at the Bank's 2007 Annual General Meeting.

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