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CHANGE IN EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN'S ROLE

Melbourne, Australia; 27 July 2007: Australia's adult stem cell company, Mesoblast Limited (ASX:MSB), today announced that Mr Michael Spooner has stepped down as Executive Chairman, effective from 8 August 2007.

Mr. Spooner said that he strongly supported the tremendous opportunities for the company's unique stem cell technology, however due to family and business reasons it was now timely for him to resign from an executive role.

The Board of Directors said they would instigate a global search for a new Non-Executive Chairman. Mr Spooner will continue as Non-Executive Chairman in the interim and subsequently as Non-Executive Director.

Mesoblast Founder, Professor Silviu Itescu, said: "We wish to thank Michael for his hard work and significant contributions, and are confident that his insights at the Board level will continue to provide important guidance to the Mesoblast management team as the Company proceeds to new levels of clinical and commercial maturity."

About Mesoblast Limited

Mesoblast Limited (ACN 109 431 870) is an Australian biotechnology company committed to commercialisation of novel treatments for orthopaedic conditions, including a unique adult stem cell technology aimed at the regeneration and repair of bone and cartilage. Mesoblast has worldwide exclusive rights to a series of patents and technologies that have been developed over more than 10 years relating to the identification, extraction and culture of adult Mesenchymal Precursor Cells (MPCs). The company has also acquired a significant interest in Angioblast Systems Inc, an American company developing the platform MPC technology for the treatment of cardiovascular diseases, including repair and regeneration of blood vessels and heart muscle. Mesoblast's strategy is to maximise shareholder value through both corporate partnerships and rapid product commercialisation.

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