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## **Board Succession**

The Board of NEXTDC Limited (ASX:NXT) ("NEXTDC" or "the Company") announces changes to its structure and membership in line with its succession and strategic planning for the Company's next phase of growth.

Under these arrangements, NEXTDC's inaugural Chairman Roger Clarke will step down from the role of Chairman at the end of August 2013, and will remain as a non-executive director. Existing non-executive director Ted Pretty will replace Mr Clarke as non-executive Chairman at that time.

As Chairman, Mr Clarke has successfully guided NEXTDC through listing and its early stages of development and growth. The Board sincerely thanks him for his contribution and is delighted he will remain on as a non-executive director.

Mr Pretty will assume the Chairmanship for NEXTDC's next phase of growth, which will include the accelerated expansion of its data centre footprint in Australia and Asia.

As part of the succession planning process, NEXTDC founder and non-executive director Bevan Slattery is also providing advance notice that he intends to retire from the board of NEXTDC with effect from the Company's 2013 Annual General Meeting.

Mr Slattery stated, "It has been a terrific journey and I am very excited about NEXTDC's future. However, my other interests in various other businesses including SubPartners, Megaport and Asia Pacific Data Centre Group (APDC) take up an increasing part of my time."

"NEXTDC has matured as a business and is delivering the company's vision of becoming the most recognized, connected and trusted data centre company in Australia. I am confident that, under Mr Pretty's Chairmanship and Craig Scroggie's leadership as CEO, the Company will continue to deliver and thrive."

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Mr Clarke said, "The Board acknowledges the enormous contribution of Mr Slattery as founder and inaugural CEO. He is without doubt the most talented entrepreneur in the ICT sector in Australia. We respect his decision to focus on his other interests as NEXTDC's business moves into its next phase."

"Under the succession planning arrangements, we are commencing a process for the recruitment of two new non-executive directors and have appointed *Talent Partners* to assist," Mr Clarke said.

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### **About NEXTDC**

NEXTDC is an ASX 300 company and is the only independent data centre operator with a strategic footprint in all major growth markets in Australia.

NEXTDC offers a range of highly flexible, scalable, resilient and secure colocation services to corporate, government and IT services companies.

NEXTDC's purpose-built facilities have been designed to address the market's growing appetite for energy-efficient, independent data centres in which organisations can host their critical IT infrastructure, and also to address the emergence and growth of cloud (internet-based) computing.

As a cloud enabler, NEXTDC's enterprise-class data centre facilities address the challenges of security, connectivity and neutrality that have hindered the wider acceptance of cloud computing.

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