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STABILITY FOR AHA NATIONAL ACCOMMODATION DIVISION

The AHA's National Accommodation Division elections for 2008 have been held (as part of this year's AHA National Accommodation Division Annual General Meeting) and major results were as follows:

- Patrick Griffin (Regional Managing Director, Orient-Express Hotels) was re-elected as President;
- John Dickson (General Manager, Sofitel Mansion & Spa, Werribee Park) was re-elected as Vice President; and
- Don Goode (General Manager, Rydges South Bank, Brisbane) was re-elected as Secretary.

This trio will also sit on the National Board of the AHA in 2008/2009, along with Mark Sproat of The Brassey, Canberra and Robert Humphries of the Pier Hotel, George Town, Tasmania.

With the election results being exactly the same as 2007, it ensures further stability for the AHA National Accommodation Division.

Mr Griffin said: "I am delighted and honoured to continue to further the interests of the hotel industry by serving in this role.

"With consumer confidence sliding and the Australian dollar being so strong in comparison to its US counterpart, Australian hotels – and indeed the wider tourism industry – are facing significant challenges in the short-term.

"The stability resulting from the AHA National Accommodation Division elections will ensure the Association is well placed to meet these challenges head-on on behalf of the industry.

"I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate my fellow office-bearers John Dickson and Don Goode – and indeed all members of the AHA National Accommodation Division Board, who give up their time and expertise for the good of our industry.

"Further, I would like to acknowledge the strong support provided by AHA staff across Australia."

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The Australian Hotels Association (AHA) is the pre-eminent tourism and hospitality industry organisation in Australia. It has around 5000 members operating general and accommodation hotels. It has a National Office and Branches in each State and Territory. It also has a discrete Branch to represent the interests of its Accommodation members that covers four and five-star properties operated by the major chains.