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API appoints Hon Dr Michael Wooldridge as an Independent Director

Integrated healthcare services company API today announced the appointment of the Honourable Dr Michael Wooldridge as an Independent Director, effective immediately.

Dr Wooldridge was Australia's Federal Minister for Health from 1996 to 2001, during which time he was widely acknowledged for his commitment to public health, community pharmacy, and biomedical research. He was instrumental in negotiating a previous agreement between the Pharmacy Guild of Australia and the Federal Government which cemented Australian's access to high quality health and pharmacy services.

Dr Wooldridge is an Honorary Fellow of the Australasian Faculty of Public Health Medicine. He is currently Chairman of Resonance Health, Chairman of Dia-b Tech and a Director of Cogstate Ltd.

Chairman of API, Mr Peter Robinson, said Dr Wooldridge would be a tremendous asset to API.

"Dr Wooldridge is one of Australia's most prominent public health authorities, and is widely recognised for his support of community pharmacy and his work to bring world-class healthcare services to all Australians.

"Dr Wooldridge's intimate understanding of the healthcare sector in Australia will be invaluable to API, as we continue to make further progress in our three year turnaround strategy.

"I welcome Dr Wooldridge to the Board of API and I look forward to working closely with him," Mr Robinson said.

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