

## **Press Release**

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## Professor Adrienne Clarke Retires from the Hexima Board

23 November, 2010: The Board of Australian agribusiness company, Hexima Limited (ASX: HXL), has today announced the retirement of Professor Adrienne Clarke AC as Non-Executive Director of the Company.

Professor Clarke has played a critical role in founding Hexima and in guiding the development of the Company's technology towards commercial outcomes over the last twelve years. At 72 years of age, she is not seeking re-election to the Board. Fellow founding scientist, Professor Marilyn Anderson, who was appointed Chief Science Officer last year, offers herself for election to the Board as part of a succession plan.

Professor Clarke said, "One of the great pleasures of being part of the Company is to be handing over the scientific leadership to Professor Marilyn Anderson, who has built a strong and stable team of talented scientists. I have every confidence in the continued success of the Company's scientific and technological development under her leadership."

Professor Clarke has made major contributions to Australia's scientific and business communities through her roles as Chairman of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), as a former Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria, former Ambassador for Biotechnology for Victoria and as a director of Woolworths Ltd, WMC Ltd, Alcoa of Australia and Fisher and Paykel Healthcare Ltd. Amongst many achievements, she is a past President of the International Society for Plant Molecular Biology and a Foreign member of the American Academy of Science, Foreign Associate of the National Academy of Sciences, USA, Fellow of the Australian Academy of Sciences and the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering.

Professor Clarke will continue to play a valuable role as Science Advisor to the Company. The Board thanks her for her key role in founding and developing Hexima in her roles as Chief Science Officer and as Director, and looks forward to her continuing support.

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## **About Hexima**

Hexima Limited (ASX Code: HXL) is an agribusiness company developing innovative gene technologies to help farmers enhance the productivity of arable land by improving yields and reducing the use of chemicals. Hexima's core technologies aim to strengthen commercial crops by enhancing their resistance to insect pests and fungal disease. Hexima partners with multinational seed companies to establish commercial markets for its technologies. Visit <a href="https://www.hexima.com.au">www.hexima.com.au</a> for more information.