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### EQT Holdings Limited announces new Board director

EQT Holdings Limited (ASX: EQT) is pleased to announce the appointment of a new non-executive director, James (Jim) R. Minto, effective 1 March 2017.

EQT Chairman Tony Killen said, "Jim's appointment brings extensive leadership skills and experience in financial management and investment, to help progress EQT's strategy of becoming Australia's leading, contemporary trustee company.

Mr Killen said this increased the depth and breath of the Board, and reflected a structured approach to Board succession and planning.

Jim Minto (FCA) spent more than 30 years in Managing Director roles with the Tower group, one of Australia and New Zealand's leading life insurance groups, and was appointed to the Dai-ichi Life Asia Pacific (Singapore) Board after they acquired Tower in 2011. Mr Minto is a non-executive director of AFG Australian Finance Group, a director of the National Disability Insurance Agency and was formerly Chair of the Australian Superannuation Funds of Australia and The Trustee Corporations Association of New Zealand.

Mr Killen said, "Jim's impressive financial services career spans many decades in senior leadership roles and multiple listed and non-listed company directorships. He has particular expertise in trusteeship and grew the shareholder value of Tower's Australian business almost three times over during its listed period of five years."

"Jim's addition to our Board adds extensive experience which will directly inform and support the development of our private client, superannuation and corporate trustee businesses," Mr Killen concluded.

Mr Minto will join EQT's Board Risk Committee, Board Audit Committee and the Remuneration, Human Resources and Nominations Committee and will submit himself for election by shareholders at the Company's 2017 AGM.

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