

**APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR:
MR ANDREW DENVER**

Sydney, 15 December 2006: Cochlear Limited (COH.AX) Chairman, Tommie Bergman, today announced the appointment of Mr Andrew Denver to the Cochlear Board, effective 1 February 2007.

Mr Denver is a director of CathRx Limited, chairman of Universal Biosensor Pty Ltd and a director of Principals Funds Management Pty Ltd.

Mr Denver has had a distinguished career including 11 years with Baxter International Inc. He was managing director of Memtec Limited for ten years until it was acquired in 1997 and then continued to be responsible for significant international businesses, most recently as President Asia for Pall Corporation.

Announcing the appointment, Mr Bergman said, "Mr Denver's extensive experience in the medical device and healthcare industries further strengthens the international skill base of the Cochlear Board and we are pleased to have secured a director with such exceptional international and operational expertise."

Mr Denver will also join the Audit Committee, Nominations Committee and Technology & Innovation Committee.

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