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Company	Australian Stock Exchange Limited	Date	30 April 2007
From	Bill Hundy	Pages	2
Subject	ORIGIN APPOINTS GORDON CAIRNS AS NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.		

Please find attached, an ASX Release regarding the appointment of Gordon Cairns as a non-executive director.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Hundy", written over a horizontal line.

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ASX Release

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Gordon Cairns to be appointed to the Origin Energy Board

Origin Energy today announced the appointment of Mr Gordon Cairns as an independent non-executive director with effect from 1 June 2007.

Gordon Cairns has extensive Australian and international experience as a senior executive, most recently as Chief Executive Officer of Lion Nathan Limited. He has held a wide range of senior management positions in marketing and finance with Pepsico, Cadbury Schweppes and Nestlé. He is currently a director of Westpac Banking Corporation, Opera Australia and The Centre for Independent Studies. He is also an advisor to Caliburn Partnership and McKinsey and a member of the Asia Pacific Advisory Board of CVC Capital Partners.

Mr McCann said that the Board is very pleased to be able to recruit Mr Cairns as a director. "As a former chief executive, Gordon brings a wealth of management experience to the Origin Board and his marketing expertise will be most valuable to our significant retail business."

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