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STEPHEN MARLEY APPOINTED AS TRUCKSAFE CHAIRMAN

The Chief Executive Officer of Marley's Transport, Stephen Marley, has been appointed as the new chairman of TruckSafe, the trucking industry's safety accreditation scheme.

Mr Marley said one of his objectives as chairman would be to encourage more operators to join TruckSafe.

"As chairman, I want to follow on the good work already done and try to encourage more operators to join Trucksafe for the benefits it offers their business and for the satisfaction of knowing they are in the top percentage of carriers in the country," Mr Marley said.

"Trucksafe is the premier risk management system for road transport in Australia. I have now been on the board of Trucksafe for over 10 years. I have found it rewarding to be involved with fellow operators and industry representatives who want to raise the safety standards in our industry, as well as protect operators from changes in legislation.

"My thanks go to outgoing chairman Bernie Belacic on a job well done," he said.

The Chief Executive of TruckSafe, Stuart St Clair, said TruckSafe accreditation was a straightforward way for trucking businesses and customers to manage their obligations under the chain of responsibility laws.

"Companies in TruckSafe are twice as safe as non-accredited ones. They have responsible work practices, well maintained vehicles, healthy and trained drivers and management systems to meet their customers' needs," Mr St Clair said.

Marley's Transport (www.marleystransport.com.au) is one of the largest grain transporters in the southern hemisphere. The company transports about 10 per cent of Western Australia's grain harvest, with more than 40 trucks and 100 trailers.

About TruckSafe (www.trucksafe.com.au)

Hundreds of trucking businesses are members of TruckSafe, the industry's own safety accreditation scheme. Trucking businesses that join the scheme implement special management, maintenance, training and driver health standards. They are audited for compliance with the standards when they join and then every two years. Government statistics show that TruckSafe companies are twice as safe as non-accredited companies.

TruckSafe is owned by the Australian Trucking Association.

A high-res image of Stephen Marley is available for media use from mckinleyb@atatruck.net.au.

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