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NEWS RELEASE

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ANSELL LIMITED APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR

Ansell today announced the appointment of Mr Michael J. McConnell as a Director of the Company.

Mr McConnell, who is aged 38, is Managing Director of Shamrock Capital Advisors Inc., and resides in Los Angeles, USA. Mr McConnell is a graduate of Harvard University and the Darden School of the University of Virginia, and, prior to joining Shamrock, was an investment banker with Kidder, Peabody and Merrill Lynch in the US.

Mr McConnell has been the alternate to Mr Stanley Gold, President of Shamrock Holdings of California Inc., one of Ansell's largest shareholders, since Mr Gold's appointment as a Director in October 2002.

Ansell further announced that Mr Gold has resigned as a Director in order to concentrate on his other interests, and that Mr Gold has been appointed by Mr McConnell as his alternate.

The Company also commented on the following:

CEO Succession:

Ansell's Chairman, Dr Ed Tweddell, advised that the process to select a CEO to succeed Mr Harry Boon, which has involved an extensive international search, was well advanced, and that the Board is confident an appointment will be made in sufficient time to enable a smooth transition prior to Mr Boon's retirement on 30 June 2004.

**Domicile of Ansell Limited:**

Referring to recent speculation in the Australian press, Dr Tweddell confirmed that the Board had previously considered the "domicile" issue, and had concluded that, in light of the strength of the Company's shareholder base in Australia, and the ability of the local capital markets to satisfy the Company's funding needs for the foreseeable future, Ansell's best interests were served by remaining an Australian Listed Company. Dr Tweddell noted that this view had not changed.

Results Outlook:

Mr Harry Boon, Ansell's CEO, confirmed previous guidance on the financial outlook to 30 June 2004, i.e. the Company's Healthcare Segment EBITA of US\$103+ million, Group EBITA of US\$92+ million, and Profit Attributable to Shareholders of US\$47+ million. Mr Boon noted that this guidance is based on recent latex prices and currency exchange rates.

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Ansell Limited is a global leader in healthcare barrier protective products. With operations in the Americas, Europe and Asia, Ansell employs more than 12,000 people worldwide and holds leading positions in the natural latex and synthetic polymer glove and condom markets. Ansell operates in three main business segments: Occupational Healthcare, supplying hand protection to the industrial market; Professional Healthcare, supplying surgical and examination gloves to healthcare professionals; and Consumer Healthcare, supplying sexual health products and consumer hand protection. Information on Ansell and its products can be found at <http://www.ansell.com>.