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African Aura Mining Inc

The Board of African Aura Mining Inc ("African Aura" or the "Company") is pleased to announce the senior management appointment of Peter Taylor as Chief Operating Officer.

Luis da Silva, Chief Executive of African Aura, commented "Peter joined the Company thirteen months ago and has presided and contributed to the Company's largest value creation period. With his team, he has been instrumental in the delivery of several key milestones for the Company and in this key position will continue to drive the initiatives on the ground as we look ahead to a defining period with the impending split of gold and iron ore."

Peter Wilson Taylor has held senior management roles in mining, heavy civil engineering and aviation with blue chip organisations including De Beers, Balfour Beatty International and British Midland Airways. He has global experience gained in Africa, Asia and Europe. Peter has a MBA from the Cranfield School of Management and is a graduate Mining Engineer from Camborne School of Mines.

Antofagasta Plc

Antofagasta plc announces that Mr. Hugo Dryland has been appointed a Non-Executive Director of the Company.

Mr. Dryland is a Senior Managing Director at Rothschild based in Washington DC and is the Global Head of Rothschild's investment banking activities in the mining and metals sector. He has Masters Degrees in Business and Comparative Law from the University of Warwick (UK) and the George Washington University (US) respectively.

Prior to joining Rothschild in 1986 he practised law in the United States specialising in corporate M&A joint ventures, and financing areas in the natural resources and infrastructure sectors. Before this period he worked in the Energy Division of the World Bank. Mr. Dryland is aged 55 and is a citizen of the United Kingdom.

Mr. Jean-Paul Luksic, Chairman of Antofagasta, stated, "On behalf of the Board, we are delighted that Hugo has accepted our invitation to join our Board as a Non-Executive Director. We have worked extensively with Hugo over the last 15 years and he has a very detailed understanding of our business, as well as extensive knowledge of the mining industry both in Latin America and across the globe. This, we feel, will greatly benefit Antofagasta as it continues to enhance its overall growth profile."

For the purposes of the UK Corporate Governance Code, Mr Dryland is not considered by the Board to be independent. There are no disclosures under Listing Rule 9.6.13(1) to (6) in respect of Mr Dryland.

Berkeley Resources Plc

Berkeley Resources Ltd advises the appointment of Dr James Ross AM as Chairman of the Company, following the retirement of Dr Robert Hawley CBE from the Board due to health reasons.

Dr Ross has been a Non-Executive Director of Berkeley for the last 6 years and closely involved with its exploration and development activities. He is a leading international geologist with more than forty five years' experience in exploration, development and mining, including twenty five years with Western Mining Corporation Limited. Subsequent appointments have been at the level of Executive Director, Managing Director and Chairman with a number of ASX listed companies including Aerodata, World Geoscience, Odin Mining and Investments, Tanganyika Gold and Renewable Energy.

Dr Ross is a Director of Kimberley Foundation Australia Inc, a member of the Technology and Industry Council which advises the Western Australian Government on Science and Innovation, and Chairs organisations devoted to education and research.

The Board takes this opportunity to record its appreciation of Dr Hawley's role in the successful development of the Company during his tenure as Chairman, and to convey their best wishes for a full recovery.

Chaarat Gold Holdings Ltd

Chaarat (AIM:CGH) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Robert Maurice Weinberg as a non-executive director of the Company, and Chairman of the Audit Committee, with immediate effect.

Dr. Weinberg, aged 63, is an experienced public company director who has more than 35 years of experience in the international mining industry. Dr. Weinberg gained a doctorate in geology from Oxford University in 1973 and has held a number of senior director positions including, Managing Director, Institutional Investment at the World Gold Council and a Director of Gold Bullion Securities. Previously he was a Director of the investment banking division at Deutsche Bank in London after having been head of the global mining research team at SG Warburg Securities. He is a Fellow of the Geological Society of London and Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining.

Dr. Weinberg has also held senior positions within Société Générale and was head of the mining team at James Capel & Co. He was formerly marketing manager of the gold and uranium division of Anglo American Corporation of South Africa Ltd.

Dr. Weinberg is currently a non-executive director of Medusa Mining Ltd, (listed on the ASX, LSE and TSX), Solomon Gold plc (quoted on AIM) and Kasbah Resources Ltd (listed on the ASX).

Mr Oliver Greene, previously non-executive director, retired from the Board on 10 January 2011.

Commenting on the board changes CEO, Mr Dekel Golan, commented "Oliver joined the board of Chaarat in November 2007 prior to the Company's IPO. The whole Board joins me in thanking Oliver for his diligence and assistance during the Company's first three years on the public market."

"I am delighted to announce Dr. Weinberg's appointment. Robert brings additional mining knowledge to the board of Chaarat and his experience and involvement with public gold companies as they progress through development and into production will be of significant value to Chaarat."

Dr. Weinberg has confirmed that other than his current and previous directorships disclosed in the table below there are no matters to be disclosed under Rule 17 and paragraph (g) of Schedule 2 of the AIM Rules.

Current directorships

Kasbah Resources Ltd.
Medusa Mining Limited
Solomon Gold plc

Directorships resigned in last five years

Falkland Gold and Minerals Ltd.
Great Bear Resources plc
Platinum Mining Corporation of India

Kryso Resources Plc

Kryso Resources plc (AIM: KYS) confirms that Leonard Lee (also known as LI LI), aged 45, has been appointed a director of the Company with immediate effect.

Leonard is fluent in Mandarin and English, has an MBA from the University of Rochester in New York and is also a director of Top Consultant (Hong Kong) Company Limited. In the past 5 years he has also not been director or partner of any other company or partnership.

Leonard Lee does not hold any shares in Kryso but is appointed a director of the Company as a representative on behalf of Golden Max Group Limited. Golden Max Group Limited holds 33,823,113 ordinary shares in the Company, representing 13.44 % of the total issued shares in the Company. Golden Max Group Limited are completely independent of and have no relationship with China Nonferrous Metals Int'l Mining Co., Ltd.

Commenting on this appointment Craig Brown, Managing Director of Kryso Resources commented "We believe Leonard's experience in corporate finance, from both the West and in China, should prove invaluable as we continue to advance our relationship with China Nonferrous Metals Int'l Mining Co., Ltd and progress the Pakrut Gold Deposit into production."

Petropavlovsk Plc

Petropavlovsk PLC announces that, following the Board's Strategic Review of Business, it has appointed three additional executive directors and created two new management structures to work alongside and report to its Executive Committee ("ExCo"). Additionally it announces that Mr. Peter Hill-Wood, Chairman of the Arsenal Football Club, has relinquished the role of Senior Non-Executive Director and that Dr. Graham Birch will assume this role. All these appointments take effect on 4th January 2011.

New Board Appointments

- Dr Alya Samokhvalova becomes Strategic Director and will chair the newly created Strategic Committee. Dr. Samokhvalova will continue in her role as Group Head of External Communications, a position she has held since joining Petropavlovsk in 2002. She has a Masters in Investment Management from CASS Business School, London and a PhD in Economics from the Moscow International High Business School.
- Mr Andrey Maruta becomes Finance Director, Russia and will serve on the Strategic Committee. Mr. Maruta, who was Group Financial Controller, qualified as a Chartered Certified Accountant at Moore Stephens in 2001 and joined the Group in 2003 as Group Chief Accountant. He was appointed Deputy Finance Director in 2005 and Finance Director in 2006 before the merger with Aricom plc.
- Mr Martin Smith becomes Technical Director and will chair the newly created Technical Committee. Mr. Smith, now Group Head, Technical Services, joined as Technical Director of Aricom PLC in June 2006. He has more than 25 years' operational and corporate management experience across the global mining industry, working with Anglo American Corporation, Kier International, Costain Mining and Shell International.

Change to Senior Independent Non-Executive Director

In addition to the appointments, Mr. Peter Hill-Wood steps down as Senior Independent Non-Executive Director and Dr. Graham Birch has agreed to assume this role.

Dr. Birch became a Non-Executive Director in February 2010, retiring in 2009 as Head of International Fund Manager BlackRock's successful Natural Resources team, where he was responsible for some \$40 billion of assets under management. Dr. Birch is well known in the investor community and will provide shareholders with independent access to the company.

The Board will seek to make additional appointments to ensure an appropriate balance between executive and non-executive directors.

Technical Committee

This committee, which reports to ExCo, will be chaired by Martin Smith and will involve members of the Company's technical services divisions, such as geology, engineering, mining and processing. It has as its task the creation and presentation of technical analysis on all budgets, forecasts and investment plans and it is intended that in so doing it will provide technical support for the work of the Strategic Committee.

Strategic Committee

This committee, which reports to ExCo, will be chaired by Alya Samokhvalova, who will be supported by Andrey Maruta. Both of these are existing members of the Company's ExCo and have worked for the company in London for more than seven years. Dmitry Chekashkin, a member of ExCo and Group Head, Precious Metals

Operations will also serve on the committee, as will the Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Pavel Maslovskiy.

The functions of the committee are to formulate annual and long-term budgets and forecasts and to monitor performance against these.

Chairman's Comment - "Pavel Maslovskiy and I are delighted that the Board has decided to bring on a new generation of executive directors. All of them have been involved with the Company for a long time and bring a wealth of hands-on technical, financial and communications skills to fulfill the needs of the Company as it grows to become a major producer in the world gold business.

Graham Birch, in his new role as Senior Independent Non-Executive Director, will provide an independent access point for our institutional shareholders, to most of whom he is well known".

Peter Hambro, Chairman

Sirius Minerals Plc

The Directors of Sirius Minerals Plc, the globally diversified potash development group, are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Andrew Lindsay as Finance Director and Chief Financial Officer of the Company with immediate effect. Andrew Lindsay replaces Mr Jonathan Harrison who has retired from the Board.

Andrew Mark Lindsay, 48, has over 25 years of experience in the mining industry. Between 2003 and 2010 he was the Finance Director at European Nickel Plc during which time he oversaw its Admission onto AIM in 2004, which was accompanied by a £15million raise; its £84 million placing in 2006; and the US\$50million acquisition of interests in Toledo Mining and Berong Nickel in 2008. In addition, Mr Lindsay initiated the agreement for US\$325 million of project financing for its Caldag project in 2010. Prior to European Nickel, Andrew Lindsay held a series of business development and corporate finance management roles within the Anglo-American Group between 1985 and 2002 based in the United Kingdom, South Africa, Australia and Chile.

Chris Catlow, Chairman of Sirius, commented "The Company has now made a major step change in its development with the acquisition of York Potash and the appointments of Chris Fraser as MD and CEO and Andrew as FD and CFO. With Chris and Andrew's commitment and experience, Sirius will now rapidly increase its rate of progress in becoming a significant global potash producer".

"I would also like to personally thank Jonathan Harrison for the significant contribution he has made over the last six years in creating the exceptional potash asset base for the Company. We wish him well with his other business interests."

Directorships currently held or previously held in the last five years by Mr Lindsay are as follows:

Current
MinFin Limited

Former

- European Nickel PLC
- Stratten Ltd
- European Nickel Spain SL
- European Nickel Holdings Iberia SL
- ENickel Holdings Inc
- ENickel Berhold Inc
- Heraan Holdings Inc
- Asian Nickel Research and

- Sardes Nikel Madencilik AS
- Gediz Ic Ve Dis Tic Ltd Sti
- Turmad Madencilik Sanayi ve Ticaret AS
- Technology Corporation
- Ozren Nickel doo Sarajevo
- Vardiste Nickel doo Zvornik

As part of the appointment, the Company has granted Mr Lindsay 4,000,000 options that can be exercised at 19.7pence per share. The options vest on 17th January 2012 and lapse on 31st December 2013.

Separately, the Company has granted 2,000,000 options to other members of the management team that have an exercise price of 19.7pence per share. The options vest on 17th January 2012 and lapse on 31st December 2013.

Triple Plate Junction Plc

The Company is pleased to announce that Fraser McGee has joined the Board as the Chief Executive with immediate effect. Fraser, aged 38, is a qualified solicitor specialised in corporate finance work having worked at prominent City law firms before he moved to the in-house legal teams of two investment banks. Fraser joins TPJ from RAB Capital plc's Special Situations Fund, a major globally focused natural resources investment fund, where he was responsible for investments into and working with the management teams of a wide variety of mining businesses. He brings to the Company much valuable experience, including developing and growing small cap mining companies for the benefit of shareholders. It is intended that Fraser will be granted 12,071,124 options over 12,071,124 Ordinary Shares exercisable at 5 pence per share (based on the last 30 day average closing price) and vesting over a three year period subject to certain performance conditions. A further announcement will be made in this regard in due course.

In addition, to streamline decision making, an Advisory Board (which will report to Fraser McGee) is being established to focus the company's exploration efforts.

Bill Howell, who has acted as Interim Chief Executive since June 2010, is stepping down from that role with immediate effect but staying on the Board. Bill was appointed Chief Executive on an interim basis until the company had been re-financed and was able to re-focus on developing its exploration projects. Bill will now devote his time to the newly re-invigorated exploration programme in Vietnam, relations with the Vietnamese Government, and the progress of the Company's joint ventures with Barrick, Gold Anomaly, Newcrest and Newmont.

Patrick Gorman, Non-Executive Director, has been appointed Chairman of the Advisory Board, whose other members are Bill Howell and John Catchpole, who has been engaged by TPJ as a part time adviser and consultant. John is a Managing Director for Behre Dolbear and was formerly a board member of Dragon Capital and CEO of Avocet.

The resignation of Terry Cross, the Finance Director, was announced on 31 December 2010.

Accordingly the Company Board now comprises Fraser McGee (Chief Executive), Bill Howell (Exploration Director), Patrick Gorman (Non-Executive Director), Chris Goss (Non-Executive Director) and Tony Shearer (Non-Executive Chairman).

Tony Shearer said "Since Patrick and I joined the Board of TPJ on 1 June 2010 significant progress has been made in securing the future of the Company due to the efforts of Bill, Patrick, Chris and Terry. Following the successful placing in November 2010, the Company is now in a sound financial position and able to focus on the tasks

ahead. Accordingly we have created a specialist Advisory Board with the skills and experience we need as we look to deliver value for all Triple Plate shareholders.

I welcome John to the team, and look forward to the contribution that the Advisory Board will make in TPJ's future."

Fraser McGee said "I am delighted to be joining TPJ. It has joint ventures with three of the biggest mining companies in the world, and some very exciting prospects in Vietnam and Papua New Guinea. Now that the uncertainty relating to its funding has been resolved, I see big opportunities to create real value for shareholders"

Additional information to be disclosed:

Fraser McGee (aged 38)

Current directorships:

HM Resources Investment Company LLP - LLP Designated Member

Zinc Ox Resources Plc

ZincOx Resources plc is pleased to announce the appointment of Gautam Dalal as a non-executive Director. Mr Dalal will replace Jeff Hewitt as Chairman of the Audit Committee, who is retiring as a non-executive director and Deputy Chairman of the Company.

Gautam Dalal is a Chartered Accountant with over 30 years of experience with KPMG, where he was responsible for the development of its business in India and managed several major industrial clients.

The composition of the Board will be reviewed once the future of Jabali is more clearly defined. Until that review Rod Beddows will be acting as Deputy Chairman of the Company.

Commenting on the announcement, Andrew Woollett, the Chairman of ZincOx, said "I would like to thank Jeff Hewitt for his hard work over the past two years and contribution to setting a clear priority for recycling in Asia. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Gautam Dalal to the Board and we look forward to drawing on his broad financial and regional experience".

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