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Beowulf Mining Plc

Beowulf the AIM and Aktietorget traded mineral exploration company which owns several exploration projects in Sweden, has announced the appointment of Fred Boman, currently Production Consultant to the Company, as Production Director with immediate effect. Mr Boman holds an MSc. degree in Mining and Mineral Processing from the Royal Institute of Technology (KTH), Stockholm, Sweden. He has more than 35 years' experience in the mining industry with over 25 years' service in various senior management positions both in Sweden and overseas. His previous positions include Vice President and Head of Engineering and R&D at Boliden AB, President and CEO of Boliden International Mining AB, CEO and President of Midroc Gold Limited and Managing Director of Dragon Mining Sweden AB. He currently serves on the board of a number of private companies and is a member of the Association for Mining and Metallurgical Engineers of Sweden. He is also a qualified person accredited by the Swedish Mining Association.

Clive Sinclair-Poulton, Executive Chairman of Beowulf, commented:

"We are delighted to welcome Fred to the Board as Production Director. With his technical skills and vast experience of mining developments, he brings invaluable knowledge and expertise to assist with the development of our flagship iron ore projects towards potential future production."

Berkely Resources Ltd

Berkeley Resources Limited has appointed a senior Spanish mining and processing engineer, Mr Francisco Bellon del Rosal, as Project Manager for the Salamanca Uranium Project ("Project"). Mr Bellon will have overall responsibility for completion of the current feasibility study for the total Project and has the skills and experience to then manage the Project through construction, commissioning and eventual production. In addition, he will have a key role in liaising with local, regional and federal government officials as the Project progresses. He will assume his role on 9th May 2011, be based in Salamanca, Spain, and report directly to the Managing Director.

Mr Bellon holds a Mining Engineering degree from the Oviedo University in Asturias, Spain, and also has extensive senior experience in mineral processing and

project management. His 15 years in the minerals industry includes 10 years with Rio Narcea Recursos SA, where he was associated with the commissioning of four mines, including Au, Au-Cu, and Ni-Cu-PGM's. He was responsible for the Agua Blanca Ni-Cu-PGM operation from construction through to commissioning and exploitation, and also held the position of Direccion Facultativa (Registered Manager), as required under Spanish Mining Law. In addition, he was a member of the Agua Blanca Definitive State Reserve Consortium Management Committee.

For the last three and a half years Mr Bellon has been working as a Project Manager and leading consultant for Grupo Duro Feguera Plantas Industriales S.A., a Spanish construction company. Here he has been responsible for the design, engineering and construction of mineral processing facilities in Venezuela, Senegal and Mauritania, and for business development. His combination of operational and project management experience in the mining and construction industries, and his strong processing skills, are ideally suited to bringing the Salamanca Uranium Project to fruition.

Mr Henry Horne, the Acting Managing Director, commented:

"With the recruitment of Mr Bellon, Berkeley has significantly strengthened its operating team. His skills and experience, and his knowledge of the Spanish mining and construction industries, are very well matched to the requirements of the Salamanca Uranium Project."

Firestone Diamonds Plc

Firestone Diamonds plc the AIM-quoted diamond mining and exploration company has announced the appointment of Angus Ogilvie to its Board as Finance Director with immediate effect.

Mr. Ogilvie is an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (UK) and has a Bachelor of Accounting Science degree (BCompt) from the University of South Africa. He has thirteen years' experience in the mining sector in Africa, including five years with Debswana and three years with Stellar Diamonds plc.

In his most recent position as Finance Director of Stellar Diamonds, Mr Ogilvie was instrumental in the listing of Stellar Diamonds on AIM through a reverse takeover of West African Diamonds and the raising over £16 million in equity funding. Mr Ogilvie has worked as an accountant in Botswana for Debswana and Botswana Ash and in South Africa for Deloitte, Dunlop and Wilkinson Sword. He has also worked in the UK as a stockbroker for Edward Jones and in senior financial management roles for companies including Elsevier, Beko and Siemens.

Welcoming Mr Ogilvie to the Board, Mr Kenny, Chairman of Firestone Diamonds, commented:

"We are very pleased to have Angus join Firestone's senior management team. The extensive skills and experience that he brings will play an important role in supporting Firestone's development into a significant diamond producer."

Metals Exploration Plc

Metals Exploration plc has announced that Guy Walker has been appointed as a non-executive director of the Company with effect from 9 May 2011. Mr. Walker was nominated as a director by Runruno Holdings Limited in accordance with the Subscription and Shareholders' Agreement, which completed on 5 April 2011.

Platmin

Platmin Limited has announced the appointment of Kgosi Nyalala Molefe John Pilane as a director on the Board of Platmin Limited.

Kgosi Pilane (53) will be the Platmin Board representative for the Bakgatla Ba Kgafela (Bakgatla) Tribe, a key partner in the development of Platmin's operations on the western limb of the Bushveld Complex in South Africa.

Kgosi Pilane was an independent business owner, as well as General Secretary of the Rustenburg United Taxi Association before assuming his current role as Kgosi of the Bakgatla. In this capacity he restructured the Bakgatla Traditional Council into a business entity, and developed partnerships with Anglo Platinum, Barrick Gold, Pallinghurst and Platmin.

Platmin Chairman, Brian Gilbertson welcomed Kgosi Pilane's appointment:

"I am delighted to welcome Kgosi Pilane to the Platmin Board as a representative of the Bakgatla and the community. I look forward to his counsel and long association with the Company."

Strategic Natural Resources Plc

The Board of Strategic Natural Resources has announced that Mr Albertus Steenkamp (Bertus) has joined SNR as the Company's Technical Director with immediate effect. Mr Steenkamp will also be joining the Board of SNR in a non-executive capacity. Mr Steenkamp has extensive experience in coal mining. He was awarded the South African Government Certification of Competency (GCC) in Coal Mine Management in July 2003, by the Department of Mineral Resources. Following his progression - working as a Planning engineer for Rand Mines to Mine Overseer from 1991 to 1993, Mr Steenkamp subsequently worked in managerial roles for major producers, Delmas and Optimum Collieries until December 1999. From January 2000 to March 2008 Mr Steenkamp worked as a Director who specialised in marketing and executing contracts between various coal mining companies and Grinaker-LTA Mining Contracting, a diversified construction and engineering group anchored in South Africa and focused on selected infrastructure, energy and mining opportunities.

In his role at Grinaker-LTA Mining Contracting, Mr. Steenkamp transformed the profile of the company from very little involvement in coal mining to one which has made Grinaker-LTA Mining Contracting one of the largest and most respected Coal Mining Contracting companies in South Africa. Following Mr Steenkamp's role at Grinaker-LTA, he set up his own business in March 2008. Mr. Steenkamp's group of companies currently mine for Sentula in Komatipoort and Total Coal South Africa in the Kriel area. The latter is a reserve very typical of the Eastern Cape coalfield, where the company is mining an average seam of 1.6m.

Mr. Steenkamp will be responsible for the setting-up of the Mine Technical Services such as planning, scheduling and plant procurement, which will include the

appointment of mining contracting services and related in house mining services for SNR.

David Nel, CEO of SNR, commented:

"We are delighted that Mr. Steenkamp, who has extensive low seam mining experience in South Africa, shares the vision for this coalfield. He will be joining the journey to assist us in realising the first mover advantage we have in the Eastern Cape. Mr. Steenkamp brings with him not only a great deal of technical experience and know how, but also great entrepreneurial drive and credibility, essential skills that will assist us in this stage of ramping up to first major production."

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