



## Board Appointments LSE – October 2010

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#### **African Aura Mining Plc**

African Aura Mining Inc., the TSX-V (AUR) and AIM (AAAM) listed exploration and development company focused on gold and iron ore in sub-Saharan Africa, is pleased to announce the appointment of David Reading as a non-executive director to the Board of African Aura, with immediate effect.

Mr Reading has significant expertise in the global mining industry with over 35 years' experience across the fields of exploration, feasibility, project development and mining. Mr Reading has an MSc in Economic Geology and has held senior positions with leading mining companies. He is the former CEO of European Goldfields and the former General Manager of African exploration for Randgold Resources. In addition he has held senior exploration and project development positions for Anglo American and Phelps Dodge. Pursuant to his appointment and the Company's Stock Option Plan, Mr Reading has been granted 200,000 incentive stock options over the Company's common shares of no par value at an exercise price of C\$2.26 per share, being equal to the closing price of the Company's shares on the TSX-V on 29 October 2010. The options are granted for nil consideration and are exercisable immediately and for a period of five years from 01 November 2010. Mr Reading presently owns 200,000 common shares in the Company.

David Netherway, Chairman of African Aura, commented, "We are pleased to welcome David to the Board of Directors. His proven track record in the exploration and development of substantial gold projects will be invaluable to African Aura as we move the New Liberty Gold project in Liberia towards production. David's expertise will complement the existing skills of the board and be valuable in maximising the potential of New Liberty as well as identifying and developing value creating growth opportunities in West Africa for our gold division."

### **African Minerals Plc**

African Minerals Limited, the iron ore project development company that is developing the Tonkolili project in Sierra Leone, West Africa, is pleased to announce the appointment of Miguel Perry as Group Chief Financial Officer and as a Director.

Miguel, aged 39, was, between 2007 and 2009, the Chief Financial Officer and a member of the Board of Directors of Eurasian Natural Resources Corporation plc (LSE: ENRC), a leading diversified metals and mining group and a member of the FTSE 100. During his time with ENRC Miguel managed a successful IPO, raising US\$3bn in December 2007 and obtaining a listing on the main board of the London Stock Exchange. He has significant experience of capital markets, M&A, Investor Relations and Risk Management.

Prior to joining ENRC Miguel was a partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers in Geneva. Before moving to Switzerland he spent seven years with PwC Russia in the firm's Global Energy and Natural Resources department.

Miguel qualified as a Chartered Accountant after graduating from the University of Essex.

Commenting on the appointment, Frank Timis, Executive Chairman of African Minerals said, "I am delighted to be able to announce the appointment of Miguel to the Board of African Minerals and as Group Chief Financial Officer. He brings with him a depth and breadth of experience which will prove invaluable for both the next stage in the Company's expansion and for the future success of African Minerals."

### **Anglo Pacific Group Plc**

Anglo Pacific Group plc announces that Mr John Theobald has been appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Group. Mr Brian Wides will become Director of International Business Development and is now based overseas.

### **Archipelago Resources Plc**

Archipelago Resources Plc is pleased to announce the following:

Appointment of Directors:

- 1) Mr Eddy Poo Porwanto (aged 42) an Indonesian national to the position of Deputy Managing Director Archipelago Resources Plc and President Director of the Company's 85% owned Indonesian operating subsidiaries, PT Meares Sopotan Mining and PT Tambang Tondano Nusajaya. Previously Mr Porwanto was the CFO of Garuda Airlines responsible amongst other things for the financing of that Company's aviation fleet;
- 2) Mr Stephen Kurniawan Sulistyono (aged 46) an Indonesian national as a non executive director of the Company. Mr Sulistyono is currently Managing Director Business Development, PT Rajawali Corpora; and
- 3) Mr Graeme Ross Duncan (aged 54) an Australian national as a non executive director of the Company. Mr Duncan is a consultant mining engineer with extensive experience in South East Asian coal operations.

While all three directors have been nominated by the Company's 52% shareholder Rajawali Corpora ("Rajawali"), Mr Duncan has no past or present

association with Rajawali and has assumed his position as an independent director.

The Company welcomes Mr Porwanto, Mr Sulisty and Mr Duncan to the Board and looks forward to their respective future contributions to management.

### **Berkeley Resources Plc**

The Board of Berkeley Resources Limited is pleased to advise that it has appointed Mr Henry Horne, the current Chief Financial Officer of the Company to the Board on 11 October 2010.

Mr Horne was appointed Chief Financial Officer in April 2010. He is an outstanding international mining executive who holds a degree in Financial Accounting and Business Economics from the University of Stellenbosch (South Africa) and has more than 29 years' experience in the mining industry. This experience includes senior management and executive postings at mines in Namibia, South Africa, Ghana, Bulgaria, Chile and Russia with companies including Gold Fields, Kinross Gold, Navan Mining and Highland Gold. Mr Horne was the former Chief Executive Officer of Highland Gold in Russia and also served on various Boards.

Mr Horne has wide general management experience with strong financial, administrative and people management skills enhanced by confident negotiating abilities. He has extensive experience of African, Eastern European, Russian and North American financial best practices. In addition he also has comprehensive financial and technical knowledge and work experience within the gold and base metal mining industries.

### **Impala Platinum Hldgs**

Implats is pleased to announce the appointment of Mandla Gantsho and Babalwa Ngonyama as independent non-executive directors to the Board of Directors of the Company with effect from 1 November 2010.

Mandla is a chartered accountant by profession and holds a Ph.D. in entrepreneurship. He joined the African Development Bank in 2006. Previously he worked as Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of the Development Bank of South Africa following a number of years as its Chief Financial Officer. He has also held a number of senior management positions at Transnet and Engen. He is currently the Chief Executive Officer of Nova Capital Africa and serves on the Sasol Limited board of directors.

Babalwa Ngonyama is also a chartered accountant with a distinguished track record. In addition to her CA qualification, she has an MBA and a Higher Diploma in banking law. She has served as group chief internal auditor of Nedbank, is a former audit partner in Deloitte's Financial Institutions Services Team (FIST) and chairperson of the Transformation Advisory Board. She is the founding chairperson of the African Women Chartered Accountants (AWCA) and is currently a member of its advisory board. Currently, she is the Chief Financial Officer and a director at Safika Holdings (Proprietary) Limited and also serves on the board of directors of Highveld Steel and Vanadium Corporation Limited.

### **Mariana Resources Ltd**

Mariana Resources Ltd, the AIM quoted exploration and development company focused on Argentina and Chile, announces the appointment of Mr. Randy Turner as Non-executive Director to the Board, effective from 7 October 2010. The appointment complements the Company's strategy of bolstering its Canadian exposure as it advances its intended dual listing on the TSX by the end of 2010.

Mr. Turner, B.Sc., P.Geo, is a Vancouver based geologist with over forty years of experience in the Canadian and International mineral exploration, financing and business arena. He is currently President and CEO of Silver Quest Resources Limited (TSX.V: SQI), a leading gold and silver exploration company focussed in Canada. Amongst many other achievements, he was instrumental in guiding Winspear Diamonds Inc. from the discovery of the Snap Lake diamond deposit in northern Canada through to its sale to the De Beers Canada Mining Corp. for C\$305 million in 2000. Earlier in his career, as president of Trimin Resources Ltd, Mr Turner was involved in the development and sale of the McIlvenna Bay copper/zinc deposit in Saskatchewan, Canada. Prior to his time running junior exploration companies, Mr. Turner spent 20 years as a geologist with Esso Minerals Canada and AGIP Mining Ltd exploring for uranium, gold and base metals in Canada, Australia and the United States.

Mariana's Chairman John Horsburgh said, "Randy Turner is a well-known and respected figure within the Canadian mining industry with a solid track record of advancing exploration and development companies and a wealth of capital raising experience in the Canadian markets. His specific Canadian experience will be invaluable to Mariana, as we reach a pivotal time in our development including working towards defining a maiden resource at the flagship Las Calandrias gold discovery in Argentina and achieving dual listing on the TSX later this year."

### **Metals Exploration Plc**

Following the offer for the Company by Solomon Capital Limited (the "Offer") being declared unconditional on 6 September 2010, the Company announces that, with effect from 27 October 2010, Jonathan Beardsworth has stepped down as Managing Director of the Company as contemplated in paragraph 9 of the Independent Director's letter contained in the Offer document. Mr. Beardsworth will continue to sit on the Board as an Independent Non-Executive Director.

Ian Holzberger, Executive Chairman, said "The Company thanks Mr. Beardsworth for his contribution as an executive and welcomes him in his capacity as a Non-Executive Director."

### **Titanium Resources Group**

The Board of Titanium Resources Group Ltd is pleased to announce that it today appointed Michael Brown as a Non-Executive Director of the Company. Mr. Brown is the Chief Operating Officer of De Beers Consolidated Mines Ltd ("DBCM"), the South African mining operation of the De Beers Group. Mr. Brown has worked at De Beers since 1990, holding a number of senior

positions including Head of Strategic Business Development at DBCM, General Manager of the Finsch Mine and Mine Manager at NAMDEB. He has held his current position since June 2008, and is accountable to the Managing Director and DBCM Board for all operations in South Africa, including: production at 5 separate mines, the delivery of construction projects, strategic business development and health, safety and environmental control.

Mr. Brown has managed a number of significant projects at De Beers including the restructuring of DBCM in 2009 in response to the global financial crisis, the construction and early delivery of the R1.3 billion Voorspoed mine and the design and implementation of a new business model for DBCM.

Mr. Brown has over 25 years experience working across the African mining sector, having graduated from the University of the Witwatersrand with a B.Sc. in Mining Engineering.

Mr. Brown is a registered Professional Engineer (Pr. Eng) with the South African Council of Professional Engineers and a member of the South African Institute of Mining and Metallurgy.

Mr. Brown was nominated to the Board by Pala Investment Holdings Limited ("Pala") under the terms of the agreement with TRG announced on 15 September 2010 following Pala's investment in the Company.

Wayne Malouf, Executive Chairman, said, "I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Michael to the Board of TRG. His extensive experience of operating mines across Africa will be invaluable for the Company."

### **Western Coal Corporation**

Western Coal Corp. announces that it has appointed Graham Mascall as a Non-Executive Director of the Company, effective November 1, 2010.

David R. Beatty, Chairman of the Western Coal Corp comments, "Graham's broad experience in the global mining industry, especially in the coal sector, will be of significant benefit to Western. On behalf of the Board, we look forward to working with Graham and drawing on his knowledge and judgment as Western executes its strategic growth plans."

Mr. Mascall (64), who is based in London, UK, is CEO of Ncondezi Coal Company Ltd (AIM:NCCL), which has coal assets in Mozambique. He is also a director of Gemfields Resources plc (AIM:GEM) and London Mining plc (AIM:LOND), both based in London, UK.

From 2003 until April 2010, he was a Director of Caledon Resources plc (AIM:CDN; ASX:CCD) of London, UK, which owns coal mining operations in Australia. From 2006 to 2009 he was the CEO of Lubel Coal (UK) Ltd of London, a privately held coal development company active in the Ukraine.

Mr. Mascall's extensive commercial, financial, and transaction experience

include senior executive positions with a broad range of mining companies and investment banks. He has worked as a senior executive of Billiton plc and Outokumpu Metals and Resources International Limited and for investment banks such as Deutsche Morgan Grenfell and Barclays Bank.

He earned a Master of Engineering, Mineral Economics (1972) from McGill University, Montreal, Canada and a Mining Engineer degree (1969) from the Camborne School of Mines in Cornwall, UK.

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