



Board Appointments LSE – September 2011

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Diamondcorp Plc

DiamondCorp plc has announced the resignation of Mr Subhi Benkhadra as a board representative of the European Islamic Investment Bank plc ("EIIB") following his departure from EIIB. The directors of DiamondCorp have thanked Mr Benkhadra for his valuable contribution at board level and wish him well with his future endeavours.

Pan Pacific Aggregates Plc

Pan Pacific Aggregates plc, the British Columbia based aggregates company, has announced the appointment of Lynda Chase-Gardener as a non-executive director of the Company with immediate effect.

Lynda (aged 58), has more than 20 years with quarrying and landfill operations and has an in depth knowledge of the dynamics of the aggregates market. In 1988, Lynda started her career in the aggregates industry in a family quarry, concrete and landfill operation, Chaset Limited (formerly Bucbricks Company Limited), based in Colchester. In 1991, she was appointed managing director of that business and held that position until its sale in 2007. During the last 10 years Lynda has been a member and Chairman of the Quarry Products Association, overseeing its merger with the British Cement Association and the Concrete Centre in 2009. She was also the founding chairman of the Mineral Products Association, the representative body for the UK aggregates, asphalt, cement, concrete, lime, mortar and silica sand industries until she stepped down in September 2009. Lynda is also a member of the representative body to promote health and safety in all sectors of the quarrying and associated industries, the Quarries National Joint Advisory Committee.

Euan McAlpine, Executive Chairman commented:

"We are delighted that Lynda has decided to join the Board as she brings a wealth of industry knowledge to the Company. She has strong operational experience and we feel will make an immense contribution to the future development of the Company."

Petmin Ltd

Petmin ltd has announced the appointment of Mr.Trevor Petersen as an independent non- executive director of the Company and as a member of the audit and risk committees.

Mr. Petersen is a Chartered Accountant and is a former Managing Partner of the Cape Town office of audit firm Pricewaterhouse Coopers ("PwC"). He also held the position of Chairman of PwC Western Cape and is the past Chairman of the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants. Mr. Petersen has also been a member of the University of Cape Town Council since 2002.

Rio Tinto Plc

Rio Tinto plc has announced the appointment of Chris Lynch as a non-executive director.

Chris Lynch has had an extensive career in the mining and metals industry, including seven years at BHP Billiton, where he was chief financial officer and then executive director and group president - Carbon Steel Materials. Prior to this he spent 20 years with Alcoa Inc. He is currently chief executive officer of Transurban Group and is also a commissioner of the Australian Football League.

Chris Lynch held a series of senior appointments at BHP Billiton between 2000 and 2007, spending six years as chief financial officer before becoming executive director and group president - Carbon Steel Materials.

Prior to that he held various senior leadership roles at Alcoa Inc, including vice-president and chief information officer (1999 to 2000), chief financial officer, Europe (1997 to 1999) and managing director of KAAL Australia Limited, a joint venture between Alcoa and Kobe Steel of Japan (1995 to 1997).

Mr Lynch holds degrees of Bachelor of Commerce (BComm) and Master of Business Administration (MBA) both from Deakin University, Melbourne, Australia, and he is a fellow of CPA Australia.

Rio Tinto chairman Jan du Plessis said:

"I am delighted that Chris Lynch is joining the Boards. He has nearly 30 years of tremendous experience acquired in the mining and metals industry. In addition, Chris is a leading figure in the Australian business community and his appointment reflects the significance of Australia to Rio Tinto's global operations. He brings with him considerable international experience gained from other global businesses from which we also stand to benefit."

Shanta Gold Ltd

Shanta Gold Limited, the near-term gold producer with operations in Tanzania, has announced a number of changes to its board of Directors. This development follows a significant Board review of the Company's structure and executive and operational management requirements associated with the imminent completion of the New Luika gold mine and the potential development of the Singida property, now under consideration following the results of the feasibility study on this project, released on 23 August.

Gareth Taylor, who has been on the Company's Board as chief operating officer since 20 May 2010 will be appointed chief executive officer with effect from 1 October 2011. Gareth has been instrumental in moving Shanta's prospects in Tanzania up the value curve.

Walter Vorwerk, currently the chief financial officer of the Company has indicated that he will be retiring from the board to pursue other business opportunities.

Chairman of the Board, Walton Imrie commented:

"On behalf of the Board I would like to thank Walter for his undivided service to the Company and for his continued commitment to ensuring Shanta Gold's success. Walter was instrumental in the Company's listing onto London's Alternative Investment Market (AIM) and in its transformation over the years from a gold explorer to a near-term gold producer. We wish him every success with his future endeavors." He also added; "we are delighted to welcome Gareth into his new role as the Company's chief executive officer. Since joining Shanta Gold, Gareth has demonstrated that he has the commercial and technical experience and management skills which will be crucial in developing Shanta into a multi asset gold production company".

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