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‘EARLY RUNS’ HIGHLIGHTED AT AAMIG’S INAUGURAL AGM

The Australia-Africa Mining Industry Group (AAMIG) held its inaugural Annual General Meeting at the Celtic Club in West Perth last night, with Chairman Mr Bill Turner highlighting a number of early achievements for the fast-growing industry association, which was formally incorporated in May 2011 to represent Australian and Australian-based exploration, mining, service and supply companies active in Africa.

“We’ve had an extremely successful and busy first year,” Mr Turner said. “In addition to growing AAMIG’s membership to its current level of 96 members, we have also achieved a number of ‘early runs on the board’ to deliver real value to our member companies.”

Mr Turner said in the past year AAMIG has established guiding documentation for member companies operating in Africa, and developed support processes including a Gap Analysis Tool.

AAMIG has also made a number of submissions to Government on behalf of its members, including specific country briefs, and support for member applications for the Direct Aid Program through the Australian Government Heads of Mission in Africa.

It has implemented regular information seminars – which are well-attended and well-received by members. Members also receive a bi-monthly newsletter and weekly email of industry news, which, together with a well-developed and informative web site, provide a relevant resource base for Australian explorers, miners and related service and supply providers in support of their activities on the African continent.

Looking ahead, Mr Turner said AAMIG expects another very busy year with the focus on continuing to enhance the capacity of AAMIG members to be “Partners of Choice” and “Employers of Choice” in Africa.

“We are also developing an accreditation process that will deliver real value to AAMIG members, and will continue our efforts to build a “Team Australia” approach which includes building relationships between the mining industry, governments, not-for-profits and academia.”

AAMIG’s members elected a new Board for 2012/13, comprising 10 member representatives:

- Bill Turner, Director of Sarama Resources and current AAMIG Chairman;
- Tim Carstens, Managing Director of Base Resources;
- Mark Connelly, Director of Endeavour Mining Corporation;
- Philippa Leggat, Founder and Managing Director of Legate Consulting Pty Ltd;

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- Bill Repard, Executive Chairman of Paydirt Media and Honorary Consul for South African in WA;
- Rob Slater, Group Executive (Mining) of Coffey Mining;
- Peter Sullivan, Managing Director of Resolute Mining;
- Gill Swaby, Company Secretary for Paladin Energy Ltd;
- Adel van der Walt, Partner (Energy & Resources) for Clayton Utz; and
- Rick Yeates, Managing Director of Middle Island Resources Ltd.

The members also reappointed Deloitte as auditors for 2012/13.

AAMIG is supported by an executive team consisting of Bill Turner, Trish O'Reilly, Jeff Hart and Jim Nylander.

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ABOUT AAMIG

Founded in May 2011, the Australia-Africa Mining Industry Group (AAMIG) represents Australian and Australian-based exploration, mining, service and supply companies active in Africa.

AAMIG aims to support member companies and enhance their Social Licence to Operate, with a key focus on stakeholder engagement, sustainable community development, human rights and governance.

AAMIG is committed to supporting a "Team Australia" approach in regard to Australia's engagement with Africa; this includes building relationships between the mining industry, governments, not-for-profits and academia.

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