



**Newsletter #3
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2012**

**Upcoming
Events**

AAMIG Seminar
13 December
4.30pm

Celtic Club, West
Perth

Mining Indaba 2013

AAMIG will be
presenting in the
Australia Lounge

**100
AAMIG
reaches 100
member
milestone!!**

This important milestone, which was reached on 30 October 2012, highlights both **AAMIG's** relevance to its member companies and the growing presence of the Australian mining industry in Africa.

Making a real difference with African communities
and reducing investment and operating risk

**AAMIG Inaugural AGM
18 October 2012**

AAMIG is proud to announce the election of the following board members for 2012/2013

- **Bill Turner**, Director of Sarama Resources and AAMIG Chairman;
- **Tim Carstens**, Managing Director, Base Resources;
- **Mark Connelly**, Director, Endeavour Mining Corporation;
- **Philippa Leggat**, Founder and Managing Director, Legate Consulting Australia;
- **Bill Repard**, Executive Chairman, Paydirt Media and Honorary Consul for South African in WA;
- **Rob Slater**, Group Executive (Mining), Coffey Mining;
- **Peter Sullivan**, Managing Director, Resolute Mining;
- **Gill Swaby**, Company Secretary, Paladin Energy Ltd;
- **Adel van der Walt**, Partner (Energy & Resources), Clayton Utz; and
- **Rick Yeates**, Managing Director, Middle Island Resources Ltd.

Deloitte was reappointed as **AAMIG's** auditors and **AAMIG** would like to acknowledge the support of Deloitte and Clayton Utz in preparations for the AGM.

Major achievements of the past twelve months include four submissions to Government on behalf of members, additions to the guiding documentation, the Gap Analysis Tool, a number of opportunities to enhance social development activities, and a range of other support processes for members operating in Africa.

Moving into 2013, the development of an accreditation process and continued relationship development between the mining industry, governments, not-for-profit organisations and academia in its engagement with Africa, is part of the overall strategy; as is the continued increase in membership and ongoing expansion and development of member services.

Africa Down Under Conference 28-31 August 2012

The **AAMIG** booth at ADU was a great success in providing member companies the opportunity to showcase their social development projects.

Sharing the booth were representatives of several NGOs, including Wheelchairs for Kids, the Tutu Desk Campaign, Bicycles for Africa, the Global Health Alliance, Australian Doctors for Africa and Room to Read.



AAMIG conducted a panel session within the main conference program with the following panel members; **AAMIG** Chairman Bill Turner; Skye Gilligan, former head of Social Responsibility and Corporate Communications at Globe Metal & Mining; and John Borshoff, Managing Director of Paladin Energy.

Australian Strategic Policy Institute 30 August 2012

AAMIG participated in an exploratory meeting, organised by the Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI), to plan a high-level Australia-Africa Leadership Dialogue.

It was based on the concept that mutual access will afford the opportunity to develop broader and deeper ties between the two continents.

This exploratory meeting is an outcome from the successful Strategic Dialogue on Natural Resource Demand and China's Economy, held by ASPI and Brenthurst Foundation in Zambia in May 2012.

Presentation to DFAT Graduate Trainees and Diplomats 25 September 2012

AAMIG met with a group of eight DFAT Graduate Trainees from Canberra and two Diplomats from Gabon and Mongolia, at the WA State Office of DFAT.

The aim of the meeting was to provide an overview of the role of **AAMIG**, with particular focus of the development of partnerships and how **AAMIG** plans to engage with African Governments.

During the interactive discussion, the Diplomats were keen to hear of the development of **AAMIG** and the focus on a collaborative team approach.

Australia-Africa Partnerships Facility (AAPF) Women in Mining Study Tours 26 October—8 November 2012

Trish O'Reilly was asked to present at the recent Women in Mining AAPF Study Tour.

AAPF is an initiative of the Australian Government to facilitate relationships and development cooperation with African governments and institutions. It is one of the key pillars of Australia's aid and development program in Africa.

Tour participants represented senior women from 13 African countries with the objective of addressing gender and diversity considerations.

These have become increasingly significant in relation to the impacts and challenges arising from growth in the mining sector in both Australia and Africa.



OECD—Working Group on Bribery

Those of you who were members of AAMIG in June will recall that Jeff Hart, AAMIG Special Adviser, presented to the **OECD Working Group on Bribery**, in Sydney on 31 May 2012.

The OECD Working Group on Bribery has just completed its report on Australia's implementation of the **Convention on Combatting Bribery of Foreign Officials in International Business Transactions**. This report has now been placed on the AAMIG website. The report notes that Australia's enforcement of its foreign bribery laws has been extremely low, with just one case leading to prosecutions out of 28 referrals in 13 years. An Experts Panel has now been established to advise the Australian Federal Police teams investigating foreign bribery.

The report makes reference to the need for companies to provide **on-going training** on anti-bribery and related issues, and to develop a **corporate culture** that appropriately positions companies to deal with such challenging issues.

AAMIG members may wish to review the degree to which on-going training is being carried out, and the level in the company to which such has impact, as well as whether or not a corporate culture, appropriate to combatting bribery, can be demonstrated under external examination.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Try a different approach with your company Christmas cards this year

Support Wheelchairs for Kids! Instead of sending out your 'usual' Christmas cards, purchase your cards through WFK.

For a \$1,000 donation, your cards will inform approximately 10 major African clients that they have helped to purchase wheelchairs for disabled children!! This is a great marketing opportunity with excellent outcomes for kids in Africa. There have already been two \$1,000 individual donations to start the process. *Contact Peter Whyte on 08 9284 0981 or email at peterwhyte@westnet.com.au*

AAMIG Submission on Proposed Australian Membership of the Africa Development Bank Group (AfDB)

AAMIG was approached in mid-July 2012 by AusAID for comment on the Federal Government's proposal for Australia to join the African Development Bank Group (AfDB). The intention to pursue membership of the AfDB was signalled in the 2012-2013 Federal Budget.

AAMIG sought input from **AAMIG** members and the submission prepared by **AAMIG's** Special Adviser Jeff Hart, was submitted in mid-August 2012.

The submission addressed the issue of AfDB Group membership from the perspective of **AAMIG's** own goals and objectives, noting the three key questions raised in the AusAID Consultation Paper – the relative effectiveness of AfDB (and the African Development Bank Fund), their suitability as primary development partners for Australia in addressing poverty and development challenges in Africa, and the extent to which AfDB and AfDB membership would advance Australia's national interests.

Next Event: AAMIG December Seminar
Thursday, 13 December, 4.30pm, Celtic Club West Perth

Conrad Marais – Hunt & Humphry – Conrad will present on financing projects in Africa, with a particular focus on the relationship between mining, infrastructure and development finance institutions (DFIs) in Africa.

Mar Hube – AGWEST Food Security at the Department of Agriculture and Food – Mar will present on corporate and social responsibility (CSR) and the role that agriculture can play in contributing to improved global biosecurity and generating trade opportunities.

Theo Nabben – Social Impact Consulting – Theo will present on the participatory approaches that he has used to add value to CSR projects in Africa, and elsewhere.

Craig Coleman OAM CSM – Professional Service Solutions – Craig will present a range of alternative risk management solutions that he has developed and implemented in Asia, Africa and the Pacific.

To register, contact AAMIG on info@aamig.com or phone **08 9226 0175**.



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Favourable movements in metal prices can encourage host governments to demand a “bigger slice of the pie” rather than encouraging industry to “grow the pie”. As a result, long-established agreements can be subject to review and unwelcome change in taxes and equity ownership. The uncertainty this creates in financial markets often causes new investment dollars to be redirected to more attractive destinations.

An ability to manage the unexpected has always been a key success factor for resource companies venturing into developing countries in Africa. This includes appreciating that an investment agreement always needs to be supported by an appropriately strong Social Licence to Operate.

Whenever a company is called on to renegotiate, what at first seemed a firm agreement, re-negotiations are likely to progress more smoothly if the company has a good record of meaningful engagement with their local community and host government, an enlightened approach to local capacity building and social development, and other relevant elements of their Social Licence to Operate. A key aim of AAMIG is to increase the awareness of the need to develop a corporate culture that includes these capabilities.

Bill Turner