

MEDIA RELEASE – AUSTRALIA-AFRICA MINING INDUSTRY GROUP

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AAMIG reaches 100-member milestone

The Australia-Africa Mining Industry Group (AAMIG), which represents Australian and Australian-based exploration, mining, service and supply companies active in Africa, has attracted 100 members, including 93 corporate members since its formation in May 2011.

Director Bill Turner said this is an important milestone for the Group, highlighting both AAMIG's relevance to its member companies, and the growing presence of the Australian mining industry in Africa.

"Australian exploration and mining companies now operate in 42 of the 54 African countries. Their operations and ongoing contribution to African countries is viewed very positively by African Governments and would have undoubtedly been a contributing factor in gaining the support required to secure the non-permanent seat on the UN Security Council earlier this month," he said.

"The Australian mining industry is well-regarded for its "can do" attitude and its ethical, social and environmentally conscious approach to its business conduct in Africa; attributes which AAMIG is helping to enhance, particularly with junior and mid-sized companies."

AAMIG, in conjunction with Coffey International Development, is currently developing an Accreditation Guideline to assist in aligning members with the AAMIG selected Guiding Documentation. This includes the Australian Government's published guidance on Social Responsibility in Developing Countries as well as other important internationally accredited guidance.

Given that AAMIG members will soon begin to provide this and other proprietary guidance through the AAMIG website, certain of the site content will become restricted to members-only access.

AAMIG will hold the first board meeting of the newly elected board members on November 5, 2012. The Board will consider the current strategy and develop the business plan for the year ahead, aiming to continue to enhance the industry's engagement with governments, NGOs and academia in order to promote a "Team Australia" approach.

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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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