

## **MEDIA RELEASE – AUSTRALIA-AFRICA MINING INDUSTRY GROUP**

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### **NEW INITIATIVES HIGHLIGHTED AT AAMIG'S SECOND AGM**

The Australia-Africa Mining Industry Group (“AAMIG”) held its second Annual General Meeting at the BDO Office in Subiaco on Wednesday, with Chairman Bill Turner briefing members on a number of initiatives underway.

AAMIG, which was formally incorporated in May 2011, is quickly growing to become the peak industry organisation providing support to the Australian and Australian-based mining industry active in Africa. It aims to enhance the industry's capacity to become a world leader in good mining practice, and in so doing, contribute to the economic development of Africa.

“As expected, we have had another extremely busy year with a number of important initiatives which will add significant value to membership of AAMIG,” Mr Turner said.

“AAMIG membership has grown to more than 100, and we expect that as market sentiment recovers, we will quickly grow to 200 members, which will enhance our ability to represent the industry and deliver real value to our member companies.”

AAMIG's members elected a new Board for 2013/14 at Wednesday's AGM, comprising:

- Hayley Butcher, Company Secretary of Golden Rim Resources Ltd
- Tim Carstens, Managing Director of Base Resources Ltd
- Andrew Patterson, Chief Consultant International Development of MMG
- Bill Repard, Executive Chairman of Paydirt Media and Honorary Consul for South Africa in Western Australia
- Peter Sullivan, Managing Director of Resolute Mining Ltd
- Gillian Swaby, Exec. General Manager and Company Secretary of Paladin Energy
- Bill Turner, Director of Sarama Resources and current Chairman of AAMIG
- Adel van der Walt, Partner (Energy & Resources) for Clayton Utz
- Rick Yeates, Managing Director of Middle Island Resources Ltd

AAMIG continues to provide a variety of informative workshops on topics that are valued by our members. These include: anti-bribery and corruption; personal safety training and managing corporate security; free prior and informed consent, and investing in Africa. We ran our first workshops on the East Coast this year, in Melbourne, Sydney & Brisbane, in an effort to extend the reach of the organisation.

The successful Celtic Club networking seminars continue to be well attended, providing a forum for discussion on issues that are topical to our members.

“We are developing collaborative programs with Curtin University, the Global Health Alliance of Western Australia, Chatham House and USAID which are expected to address issues specific to operating in Africa,” Mr Turner said.

“We continue to work on efforts to build a “Team Australia” approach, which includes building meaningful relationships between the mining industry and governments, not-for-profits and academia.”

Members receive a tri-monthly newsletter and monthly email of industry news, which, together with a well-developed and informative website, provide a relevant resource base for Australian explorers, miners and related service and supply providers in support of their activities on the African continent.

The members reappointed Deloitte as auditors for 2013/14.

AAMIG will have a booth at the upcoming Indaba Mining Conference in Cape Town, South Africa in February 2014. AAMIG is developing an Associate Membership for African Governments and African regional associations in an effort to engage more meaningfully with African counterparts.

AAMIG is supported by an executive team consisting of Chairman Bill Turner, CEO Trish O’Reilly, Jeff Hart (Canberra), Annie Halsted, Jim Nylander and Rebecca Hamersley.

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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; which includes building meaningful relationships between the mining industry and governments, not-for-profits and academia.

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