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AAMEG acknowledges the Hon. Gary Gray’s service to the resources industry

The Australia-Africa Minerals and Energy Group (“AAMEG”) acknowledges the significant contribution the Shadow Minister for Resources, the Hon. Gary Gray AO, has made to the industry, following yesterday’s announcement of his intention to retire from Federal politics.

Since his election to Parliament in 2007, Mr Gray has been an ardent supporter of the Australian resources industry, particularly its expansion into Africa.

“With his background in the sector, Mr Gray understands the importance of expansion into international markets and the benefits this brings to Australia. In both Government and opposition, he has been a long-term supporter of Australian resource companies in Africa and has championed their role in building sustainable outcomes,” said Trish O’Reilly, CEO of AAMEG.

“Australian resource companies bring a positive model to Africa by not only contributing a high level of technical expertise, but also by having a strong focus on engaging meaningfully with the community for long-term capacity building and social development gains.”

AAMEG brings together governments, industry, universities and the not-for-profit sector, with the aim of developing key partnerships that will result in industry-leading economic and social outcomes for African host countries.

Mr Gray has actively followed AAMEG’s progress and has supported its development to become a leading voice for the Australian resources industry. With a clear understanding of the issues, he has been a strong advocate in Canberra, taking a bi-partisan approach to significant industry issues.

“I take this opportunity on behalf of AAMEG members to wish Mr Gray well in his retirement and we look forward to his continuing involvement with AAMEG and the Australian resources industry,” Trish O’Reilly commented.

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ABOUT AAMEG

Founded in May 2011, the Australia-Africa Minerals & Energy Group (“AAMEG”) is the peak body representing Australian companies engaged in the development of Africa’s resource industry. AAMEG provides a forum for members to network and share operational experience; to advocate at an industry level on behalf of members; and to assist member companies to engage with Australian and African governments and other relevant institutions and organisations.

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