

## **AAMEG Press Release**

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### **Tim Carstens appointed AAMEG Chairman**

The Australia-Africa Minerals & Energy Group (“AAMEG”) is very pleased to announce the appointment of Base Resources Managing Director Tim Carstens as the peak body’s Chairman.

AAMEG CEO Trish O’Reilly said Mr Carstens had been a strong ambassador for Australian investment into Africa since Base embarked on developing its Kenyan mineral sands project in 2010.

Setting the scene for his first 12 months as Chairman, Mr Carstens said a key focus for 2016 would be promoting the importance of Africa to Australia.

*“AAMEG’s interaction with African governments over the past 12 months has reaffirmed the group’s belief that African nations are still hungry for investment from Australian companies,” he said.*

*“We will seek to play a significant role in facilitating the success of Australian companies in contributing to the sustainable development of African economies to mutual benefit, while continuing to build positive and productive relationships with African governments.”*

Mr Carstens takes over the role from long-serving Chairman and one of the organisation’s founding directors, Bill Turner.

Ms O’Reilly acknowledged the significant role played by Mr Turner in building AAMEG into the peak body supporting Australian resource companies operating in Africa, with the group gaining national and international recognition under his stewardship.

*“Australia is an important neighbour to Africa and has a key role to play in helping African countries realise their mineral potential, while maintaining the reputation of Australian operators for providing positive socio-economic improvements to their host communities,” she said.*

Ms O’Reilly said Australia was still one of the top investors in exploration in Africa, with 190 ASX-listed companies currently active in 590 projects across 38 countries.

*“AAMEG supports member companies operating in Africa and facilitates collaboration between industry, governments and key stakeholders to assist where possible in the delivery of sustainable outcomes to both companies and communities,” she said.*

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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.

The AAMEG fact sheet is available on the AAMEG website ( [www.aameg.org](http://www.aameg.org) ).

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