

**MEDIA RELEASE: AUSTRALIA-AFRICA MINERALS & ENERGY GROUP (“AAMEG”)**

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**Resources industry responds to security risks in Africa**

With the rising threat of terrorism and security issues in Africa, the Australia-Africa Minerals & Energy Group (“AAMEG”) has co-ordinated an industry response to help ensure the safety and security of Australian companies and employees working on that continent.

“Operating in Africa offers great rewards, but it often comes with great risk. Security is extremely important and an area in which we, as an industry, need to be far more proactive,” said AAMEG chief executive Trish O'Reilly.

“AAMEG provides an important role facilitating and leading the resources industry to work together and respond to this issue. Recent tragic incidents highlight the urgency of such a response.”

Australia’s current security footprint in Africa is small in relation to the size of its involvement in the resources industry, and this can complicate engagement with African countries on security issues. Australian companies may, in some instances, be unaware of some of the risks and threats, underscoring the necessity of a united response to these concerns.

In June 2016, AAMEG brought together key stakeholders from the industry, including representatives from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (“DFAT”) and the ASIO Business Liaison Unit (“BLU”), to discuss security needs and how the mining industry can minimise the risks of working in Africa.

This meeting identified issues surrounding the sharing of intelligence, complacency towards security, and that a response should include working together with both the Australian Government and African governments.

It also identified the lack of tools, resources and information available to the industry. By co-operating more extensively, the stakeholder group aims to facilitate preparedness and risk mitigation strategies for AAMEG members.

The stakeholder group will be providing feedback on its developments at AAMEG's next Celtic Club seminar on Thursday 28 July, 2016. This seminar will include a security briefing by BLU representatives, as well as seminar hosts Kroll, a global leader in risk mitigation and response, who will discuss the value of business and corporate intelligence in emerging markets.

Developments of the security working group are ongoing, and AAMEG will continue to keep members updated on its progress.

**Celtic Club Seminar Details:**

**Date:** Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2016

**Time:** Registration from 4:15pm

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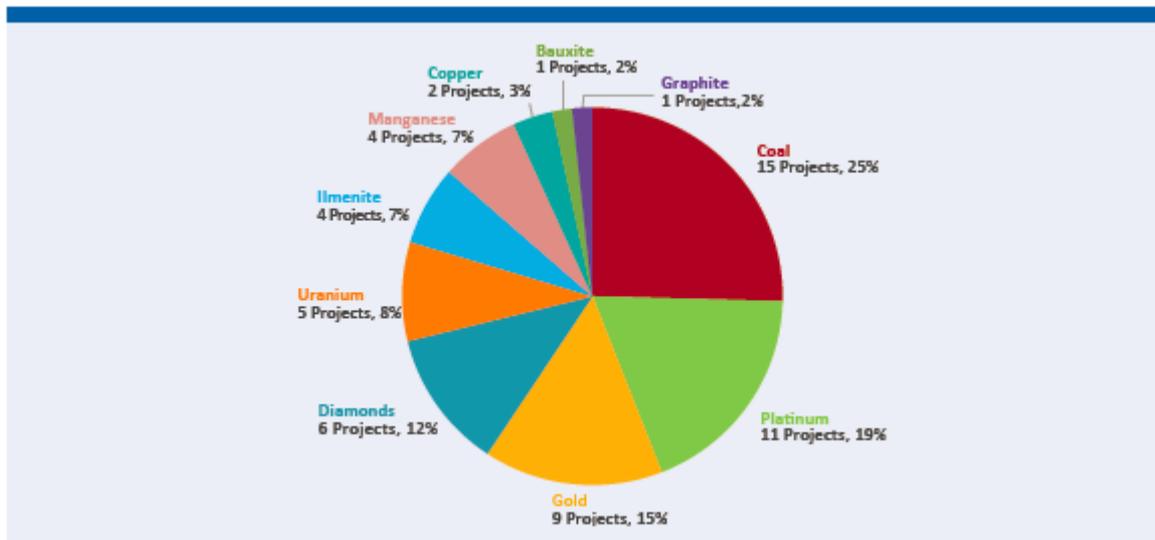
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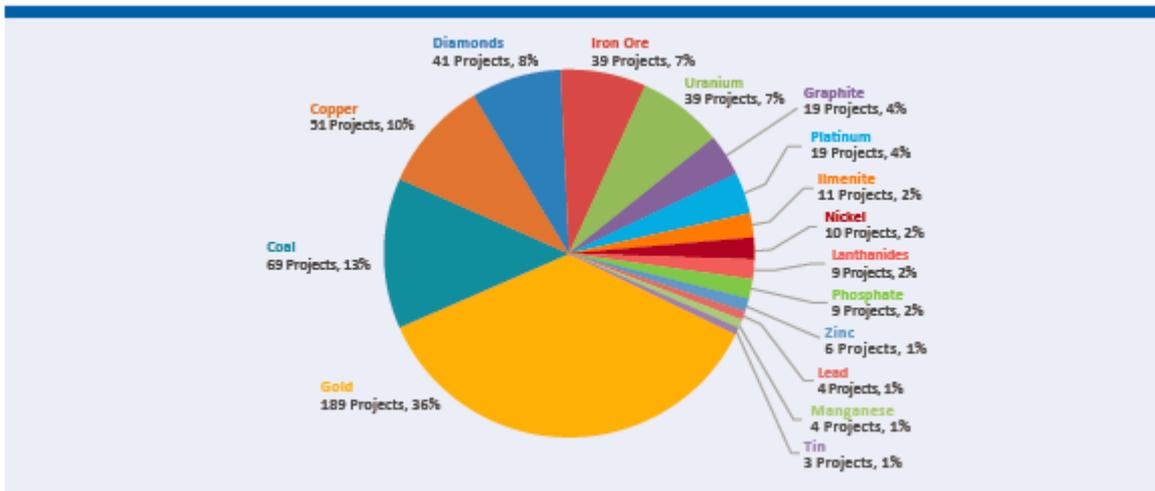
## ABOUT AAMEG

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.

## ASX-LISTED MINING OPERATIONS IN AFRICA (source: SNL Metals & Mining)



## ASX-LISTED EXPLORATION IN AFRICA (source: SNL Metals & Mining)



## ASX PROJECTS BY COMPANY SIZE (source: SNL Metals & Mining)

Market Cap range	Exploration	Operational
Private or Other	36	-
0 - \$100M	415	34
\$100M - \$1B	46	14
\$1B - \$50B	21	10
\$50B and above	13	1
	531	59