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African Aura Mining

African Aura Mining Inc, the TSX and AIM listed exploration to production company focused on gold and iron ore in sub-Saharan Africa is pleased to announce that Boris Granovsky is appointed a Non-Executive Director of the Company

Mr Granovsky is the Head of Strategy and Corporate Development at Severstal Resources and is the new representative for Severstal's strategic interest in the African Aura. Mr Granovsky is responsible for defining the iron ore and coking coal strategy for Severstal Resources, origination and execution of M&A transactions, Greenfield projects and partnerships. He is a member of the Severstal Resources' Executive Board, and a member of the Board of Directors for several portfolio companies and joint ventures.

Prior to Severstal, Mr Granovsky held various posts gaining management and financial consulting experience with A.T. Kearney and KPMG over a period of nine years.

Luis da Silva, President & CEO of African Aura comments:

"We are very pleased to further cement our relationship with Severstal by having Boris join our Board. It reaffirms our Joint Venture partner's commitment to the Putu iron ore project as we seek to build on our already substantial 1 billion tonnes inferred resource."

BHP Billiton

The BHP Billiton Board announced that Mr Paul Anderson and Dr Gail de Planque will retire from the Board on 31 January 2010 and Mr Malcolm Broomhead and Ms Carolyn Hewson will be appointed as Non-executive Directors from 31 March 2010. Mr Anderson has accepted an invitation to become a director of BP plc and Dr de Planque will retire due to her current need for continuous treatment for Lyme disease.

BHP Billiton Chairman, Mr Don Argus, said both Mr Anderson and Dr de Planque had made extremely valuable contributions to the company and he wished them both good health and success in their future endeavours.

"I understand Paul's desire to take up one of his last board appointments in the industry where he spent much of his working life. I also know that with a high performance Board like ours, directors are always going to be highly sought after. We are also very sorry to lose Gail from the Board although we respect her wish to retire to seek medical treatment in the United States. Gail's broad experience in science and nuclear energy has been invaluable and we wish her a speedy return to good health.

"On behalf of the Board I wish both Paul and Gail all the best and, whilst we are saddened to see them leave, they do so with the good will and gratitude of the Board." Mr Argus said.

Mr Malcolm Broomhead is currently the Chairman of an Australian infrastructure company, Asciano Limited and was previously Chief Executive Officer of Orica Limited and North Limited. Mr Broomhead also held various roles with Energy Resources Australia, Peko Wallsend and MIM Holdings Limited. He is also a Non-executive Director of Coates Group Holdings Pty Ltd.

Ms Carolyn Hewson is a former investment banker with Schrodgers Australia Limited and is a Non-executive Director of Westpac Banking Corporation, BT Investment Management Limited and Stockland Corporation Limited. Ms Hewson has previously been a Non-executive Director of AGL, AMP and CSR Limited.

Mr Argus said that both appointments would be important additions to the BHP Billiton Board, bringing with them a wealth of experience in the international mining, energy and financial services industries.

"Malcolm has extensive experience in running industrial and mining companies with a global footprint and his experience in the sector will make a very attractive addition to our Board. He has broad global experience in project development in many of the countries in which we operate. His depth of senior management experience and knowledge of the industry will be an asset to the company.

"Carolyn has experience across a range of diversified industries with deep experience as a Non-executive Director. In particular, she has 25 years experience in the financial sector with extensive financial markets, risk management and investment management expertise.

"Both Malcolm and Carolyn will be excellent additions to our Board and we are very pleased that they have agreed to join us."

Chairman elect Jac Nasser said, "The Group's established process of continually reviewing the mix of skills and competencies of directors will continue to ensure that the Board is made up of members best able to promote shareholder interests and effectively govern the Group."

The appointment of Mr Broomhead and Ms Hewson will bring the number of BHP Billiton directors to 12.

Eurasian Natural Resources Corporation

Eurasian Natural Resources Corporation PLC announces the appointment of Professor Dr Dieter Ameling to the Board as an independent Non-executive Director of the Group with effect from 26 January 2010.

Professor Ameling (68) is currently a Senior Counselor of ThyssenKrupp Steel AG, to which he was appointed in 2008, and is a full associate professor at the Technical University Clausthal.

Professor Ameling initially studied metallurgy at the Technical University Clausthal, beginning in 1961, receiving his Masters degree in 1967 and his Doctoral degree in 1971.

Professor Ameling's working career began at Röhrenwerke Bous/Saar and Hamburger Stahlwerke. He later became Managing Director of the Thyssen Niederrhein AG, Director of Industrial Engineering with Thyssen Stahl AG, Executive Member of the Managing Board of Directors of Saarstahl AG and, finally, Executive Chairman of the Managing Board of Directors of Krupp VDM GmbH. In 2000 he became Chairman of the Steel Institute VDEh and President of the German Steel Federation. In these positions he was involved in many other steel and related organizations, including the Max Planck Institute for Iron and Steel Research. Beyond his steel related activities he was a Member of the Board of the Federation of German Industries (BDI) from 2001 to 2008. On behalf of World Steel Association (the former International Iron and Steel Institute) he was the chairman of two international projects: 'Steel 2010 in China' and 'Steel 2020 in India'.

Dr Johannes Sittard, Chairman, said: "The appointment of Professor Dr Ameling as an independent Non-executive Director is a valuable benefit to ENRC. His outstanding knowledge of the industry can only enhance our progress as a FTSE 100 Group and we look forward to welcoming him to the Board."

GMA Resources Plc

The Board of GMA Resources Plc announces the appointment of Ken Crichton as a non-executive director of the Company, with immediate effect.

Mr Crichton is a mining engineer with 24 years experience, half of which was spent working in developing countries and a considerable part in active mine production roles. He worked for 15 years with BHP Billiton in both Australia and Indonesia and, for four and a half years, worked with the Leighton Holdings Group of Companies, a leading construction and mining contractor in Papua New Guinea and Australia. In these roles he was involved in the management of a number of large mining contracts with clients such as Lihir Gold, Macarthur Coal and BHP Billiton. In addition, Mr Crichton was the General Manager of the Roche Eltin Joint Venture, responsible for the mining contract at the Century Zinc Mine in Queensland, Australia.

Douglas Perkins, CEO of GMA, commented; "We are very pleased to announce the addition of Ken to the Board of GMA. His wealth of mining experience and his strong 'hands-on' contracting background will clearly add to the progress of the Company."

Kenneth Ronald Kennedy Crichton, aged 47, is currently the Chief Executive Officer and a director of ASCOM Precious Metals, which is focused on exploring and developing mining properties in the under-explored North and East African region. APM is the parent company of Sahara Gold Ltd., which currently has a 6.98 per cent interest in the capital of the Company. He is also a director of Sahara Gold and was previously a director of P.T. Billiton Indonesia and P.T. Maruwai Coal. He does not have any beneficial or non-beneficial interests in the capital of the Company.

Goldstone Resources Limited

Goldstone Resources Limited is pleased to announce the appointment of Gennen McDowall as a Non-Executive Director with immediate effect.

Mr. McDowall is a geophysicist and holds a B.Sc. in Geophysics from the University of British Columbia. He has worked for various mining companies since 1994 including General Mining Corporation exploring for uranium and Anglo American Corporation as senior geophysicist in the company's gold division. Until June 2008 he was President and Chief Executive Officer of Xemplar Energy Corp ("Xemplar"). Xemplar is a Canadian based exploration company focused on developing uranium projects and quoted on the TSX Venture Exchange, Frankfurt Stock Exchange, the Namibian Stock Exchange and the OTC Pink Sheets.

Jurie Wessels, Chief Executive Officer, said "We welcome Gennen to the Board and believe that he will add valuable experience and expertise to the Board as we seek to successfully develop and expand our portfolio of projects." William Gennen McDowall, aged 59, has been a director of Xemplar Energy Corporation and Snowfield Development Corp. within the past five years.

Jubilee Platinum Plc

Jubilee announces the appointments of Dr Mathews Phosa as non-executive director and deputy chairman of the Company and Mr. Leon Coetzer as Managing Director Smelting and Refining with immediate effect.

Dr Mathews Phosa 57, an attorney by profession and recently non-executive chairman of Braemore Resources plc is a leading figure in South Africa's business and political world. He served as Premier of Mpumalanga from 1994 to 1999 where he pioneered planning interaction between the private sector and government. He serves on the National Executive Committee of the ANC, is Treasurer General of the ANC and currently holds chairman, vice-chairman and board member duties in a number of prominent South African companies including Vuka Forrest Holdings Pty Ltd, the University of South Africa and Technikon Southern Africa Council.

Leon Coetzer 39, a chemical engineer, has more than 20 years experience in the platinum industry within the Anglo American plc group. He was recently Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Braemore

Resources plc. He is a member of the advisory board of the process engineering faculties at both the University of Pretoria and the University of Stellenbosch and is also an executive member of the South African Council for Automation and Control.

Colin Bird CEO of Jubilee said "We are delighted to have on board Dr Mathews Phosa and Leon Coetzer, who together bring top-drawer experience from industry and government".

Randgold Resources

London and Nasdaq listed gold miner Randgold Resources today announced the appointment of an eminent academic, Dr Kadri Dagdelen, as a Non-executive director.

Dr Dagdelen is Denver based and is currently a Professor and Departmental Head at the Colorado School of Mines' Department of Mining Engineering.

Randgold Resources chairman Philippe Liétard said he was delighted to welcome Dr Dagdelen to the board, which would be enhanced by his technical knowledge and experience, and confirmed that this appointment was in line with the company's phased succession plan.

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