

BAUXITE APPOINTS CHIEF EXPLORATION MANAGER AS INITIAL SCOPING STUDY COMMENCES

Australian bauxite explorer Bauxite Resources Limited (ASX: **BAU**), is pleased to announce the appointment of experienced Geologist and exploration executive, **Mr Peter Bleakley**, to the position of **Chief Exploration Manager**. Mr Bleakley's appointment comes at a crucial time as the Company embarks on an Initial Scoping Study on its highly prospective **Muchea** and **South Darling Range** bauxite projects in Western Australia.

The appointment further bolsters Bauxite's Senior Management team, with the Company firmly on course to establish itself in the lucrative bauxite/alumina industry in Western Australia through the development of a sustainable bauxite export business, including the planned eventual establishment of a dedicated alumina refinery.

Bauxite Resources will significantly benefit from Mr Bleakley's extensive experience in helping to identify and develop a strategy for the environmentally sustainable extraction of bauxite, initially from its Muchea project, in Perth's Darling Ranges.

An experienced Perth-based Geologist, Mr Bleakley joins Bauxite from his most recent position with the successful ASX-listed iron ore company, Gindalbie Metals Ltd, where he held the position of Exploration Manager from 2005 and was responsible for the discovery and delivery of the 1.43 billion tonne Karara Iron Ore Project, located in Western Australia's Mid West.

Between 1999 – 2005 Mr Bleakley worked for gold mining company Sons of Gwalia Ltd as a Project Geologist, where he oversaw the delineation of the +250,000 ounces Hercules Deposit.

Commenting on the appointment, Bauxite Resources' Executive Chairman, Luke Atkins, said the Company was very pleased to have secured the services of someone of Mr Bleakley's calibre, especially given the strong current demand for experienced geologists: "To be able to attract someone of Peter's background and experience is testament to the quality of our landholdings, which was a major factor in his decision to join the team at Bauxite," he said.

"Peter comes to us with a proven track record at Gindalbie, where he played an important role in the delineation of the world-class Karara iron ore Project. We're confident that his broad knowledge of project development will be invaluable to Bauxite Resources as we move to establish ourselves as a sustainable bauxite producer," he added.

"The future of aluminium in Australia looks extremely positive as China - Australia's largest customer for bauxite - struggles to keep up with its burgeoning demand for aluminium as well as the growing environmental concerns arising from some of its refining processes," he added.

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Bauxite Resources – Background

Bauxite Resources was founded in May 2006 for the purpose of securing tenements over land deemed prospective for bauxite mineralisation. It listed on the ASX on 22 October 2007 after closing its A\$7.5 million IPO early and oversubscribed.

The Company is looking to establish itself in the Bauxite and alumina industries in Western Australia – home to four of the seven Australian alumina refineries - and is the only ASX-listed junior explorer in the highly prospective Darling Range, which produces approximately 17% of the world's alumina and is home to Alcoa's Huntly Mine, the largest producing bauxite mine in the world.

The Company has applied for 30 tenements in the three project areas of Muchea, South Darling Range and Kimberley and is primarily focused on defining a sustainable, economic bauxite resource through an intensive exploration program to be undertaken in 2008/9. It will then look to develop a bauxite export industry by direct shipping and to further assess potential resources with a view to the development of an alumina refinery.

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