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Lonmin PLC - Directorate Change

Lonmin is pleased to announce that Jonathan Leslie has agreed to join the Lonmin board with effect from 4 June 2009 as a non-executive director.

Jonathan Leslie (58) has significant experience of both the mining industry and of the South African business environment, having spent twenty-six years with Rio Tinto, including nine years' service on the board. His roles at Rio Tinto included Mining Director and Chief Executive of two of Rio's Product Groups, respectively Copper, and Diamonds and Gold.

He left Rio Tinto in 2003 to become Chief Executive of Sappi Ltd, the South African-based producer of coated fine papers, which also entailed him moving to South Africa. In 2006 he became Executive Chairman of AIM-listed Nikanor plc, a copper and cobalt producer, until the merger with Katanga Mining Limited in 2008. Mr Leslie has an MA in Jurisprudence from Oxford University and is a qualified barrister. He is a British national.

In accordance with the Listing Rules, Lonmin confirms that there are no additional matters relating to Mr Leslie that would require disclosure under LR 9.6.13 R (1) to (6). Mr Leslie has no beneficial interests in Lonmin ordinary shares of \$1 each.

Commenting on the appointment, Roger Phillimore, Chairman of Lonmin said:

"I am delighted that Jonathan has agreed to join our Board. He brings many years' experience of the mining industry at both operational and executive levels, as well as strong knowledge of the business landscape in South Africa. I look forward to his contribution to the development of Lonmin in the years ahead".

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