



**COMINGS & GOINGS**

Atom Energy Ltd has appointed experienced gold mining operations executive **David Hamlyn** as its chief operating officer. He is also now a company director.



*David Hamlyn*

A geologist with a broad range of exploration, mine management and corporate experience (including the successful development of several gold projects in the Kalgoorlie-Boulder region over the past 28 years), Hamlyn was previously general manager of the Mt Pleasant gold operations in Western Australia and has extensive experience managing large scale, multi open pit gold mining and processing projects.

The company's board also told the market that **Bevan Tarratt** and **Bruce Lane** had resigned as directors, although Tarratt would remain in his existing executive capacity with the resources house.

After acquiring the unlisted Australian junior Fireside Resources, Indo Mines Ltd announced that **Chris Catlow** (previously director of investment and business development for Fortescue Metals Group Ltd), **Dr Derek Fisher** (managing director and chief executive of Moly Mines Ltd) and **Paul Kopejtko** (executive chairman of Murchison Metals Ltd) had joined the junior's board as non executive directors.



*Chris Catlow*



*Dr Derek Fisher*

**Paul Thomas** is now a non executive director of Scandinavian Resources Ltd.



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Thomas originally graduated as a metallurgist from the WA School of Mines and has subsequently attained various other regulatory and technical qualifications in mining, processing, management and finance.

These include a Diploma in Open Cut and Underground Mining, a Diploma of Business as well as a Graduate Diploma of Applied Finance and Investment.

His extensive development and operational experience comes after being in the mining

industry for 25 years, most of which has been in management and executives roles within Australian-listed gold and base metal companies.

He was appointed managing director of OM Holdings Ltd's subsidiary OM Manganese in March 2007, eventually becoming the group's chief development officer in March 2010.

Stonehenge Metals Ltd has appointed highly experienced uranium industry executive and processing specialist **Bob Cleary** as a non executive director and consultant to the company.

A chemical engineer graduate from the University of New South Wales, Cleary originally worked in the chemical and petrochemical manufacturing industries in Sydney, Melbourne and New Zealand before entering the mining industry during the mid 1980s.

His first port of call was as operations manager with Energy Resources of Australia Ltd at its Ranger mine in the Northern Territory. After being promoted to general manager of operations, he oversaw the restructure of the project during a period of record low uranium prices.

Following this, Cleary was transferred within the now-gone North, where he spent four years evaluating nickel and iron ore investment opportunities in WA.

He then rejoined the ERA team as deputy CEO before being promoted to the top job in 1999 – a position he held during the takeover of North by Rio Tinto Plc in 2000 – and a role he continued in until early 2004 when he decided to cease full time employment.

Cleary is currently the chairman of ASX-listed of Crossland Uranium Ltd and a director of Natasa Mining Ltd.

Neo Resources Ltd has made **Ross Hastings** an independent non executive director.

A geologist with over 25 years' international experience in the resources sector (including operations, project generation and development), he has held senior positions with large mining operations in Papua New Guinea and was closely involved in the development of the Simberi gold deposit.

Hastings is currently general manager of resource development for Allied Gold Ltd and is responsible for delivery of the Gold Ridge mine re-development in the Solomon Islands.

He holds a BSc in Geology and MSc in Economic Geology.

**Terry Tucker** is the new chief operating officer of Nyoto Minerals Ltd.

He was previously the president, CEO

and director of TSX-listed StrataGold Corporation, where he successfully advanced the exploration and development of projects in both Guyana and Canada before the company's acquisition by Victoria Gold Corp.

Tucker holds a Bachelor of Science specialising in geology and has over 24 years experience' in the minerals sector. In addition to his role with StrataGold, he was vice president of exploration with Expatriate Resources Ltd and president, CEO and director of Nickelodeon Minerals Incorporated.

Diversified explorer Quest Minerals Ltd has appointed geologist **Dr Dennis Gee** as a non executive director.

Dr Gee has over 40 years' experience in the mining industry, government service and research management. He has held numerous senior roles in both the private and public sectors, including exploration manager of Reynolds Australia Metals, regional general manager of Mount Isa Mines Exploration, deputy director of the Geological Survey of WA and director of the Northern Territory Geological Survey.

More recently, he was CEO of the Co-operative Research Centre for Landscape Environments and Mineral Exploration attached to the CSIRO's exploration and mining arm.

Aside from being a non executive chairman of ASX-listed Torrens Energy Ltd, Dr Gee is a member of Australian Institute of Company Directors, a member and former councillor of Australian Institute of Geoscientists, a member (and former president) of the Geological Society of Australia and an erstwhile councillor of the Association of Mining and Exploration Companies Inc.

Hot Chili Ltd has appointed former RSM Bird Cameron accountant **John Sendziuk** to the position of company secretary.

WA-based Sandfire Resources NL's latest non executive chairman is experienced corporate and commercial lawyer **Derek La Ferla**.

During his career in the legal world, La Ferla has advised on a wide range of transactions over the past 25 years.

He is a senior corporate partner of Norton Rose in its Perth office, and has worked closely with the boards and management of many public, private and statutory corporations, with a particular emphasis on corporate governance, directors' responsibilities and balancing commercial, legal and risk management considerations.

**James Brown** is now the CEO of Altura

Mining Ltd after acting as the company's group general manager since December 2008.

A qualified mining engineer with over 20 years' experience in the exploration and mining sectors in Australia and Indonesia, Brown's key experience includes exploration, design, approval, construction and operation of medium to large scale mining operations.

Iron ore proponent Australasian Resources Ltd has seen **Nicholas Jukes** resign as a company director.

In a missive to the market, the resources house thanked Jukes "for the major part he played in the completion of the feasibility study and ongoing assistance in achieving all major environmental approvals" for the Balmoral South carbon steel materials project in WA over the past three years.

Astro Resources NL's latest company secretary is **Lynton McCreery**. He replaces **Robert Hyndes**.

Resource Star Ltd saw the resignation of its CEO – **Richard Evans** – for family reasons.

He will, however, continue to provide his services to the company as a technical consultant.

Meanwhile, **Andrew Bell** will assume the position of acting chief executive in addition to his existing role of chairman.

**Cyril Geach**, who was recently appointed as a non executive director of Resource Star, will become a technical director.

Australian resources house Wolf Minerals Ltd has a new non executive chairman. He is leading resource industry figure **John Hopkins**, who replaces **Peter Mullins** after the latter's resignation from the outfit's board.

A professional company director and chairman, Hopkins has held management positions on more than a dozen public listed companies since 1985 in both Australia and Canada.

He has been involved in the financing and development of many gold, base metal, energy (coal, oil and gas), mineral sands and other resource projects in Australia and overseas and is currently the chairman of ASX-listed emerging gold producer Adamus Resources Ltd.

Norton Gold Fields Ltd has made **Anne Bi** one of its directors.

A successful company director and entrepreneur with more than 20 years' experience in business and investment, Bi is currently a director of Hong Kong-based

Goldmax Asia Investment Ltd, a major shareholder in Norton.

In addition, she is a director of Citiglory Ltd, the major shareholder of Venture Minerals Ltd and was previously a major shareholder in FerroWest Ltd.

She has a bachelors degree from the Nanjing Institute of Tourism and Hospitality and was appointed a justice of the peace in New South Wales during 2003.

African-focused Golden Rim Resources Ltd has made geologist **Richard Zongo** its country manager in Burkina Faso.

Zongo has worked for over 20 years throughout West Africa, with 14 of them at a senior level with publicly-listed Canadian and Australian exploration companies.

He is a Burkinabe geologist with major resource development experience.

Experienced mining industry consultant **Martin Pyle** is now the chairman of Syndicated Metals Ltd.

He has a broad range of experience gained over 23 years in the resources industry in Australia and is highly regarded in the corporate finance markets both domestically and overseas, having served as the corporate finance director at stockbroking firm Hartley Poynton for six years and subsequently for a further six years at Hartleys Ltd.

Most recently he has provided corporate advisory services to a number of junior resource companies and is an executive director of Aurora Minerals Ltd and Desert Energy Ltd.

He has a Bachelor of Science (with first class honours) in geology and a Masters of Business Administration specialising in finance and accounting.

His wide ranging industry experience encompasses mine and exploration geology, reserve and resource statement preparation, feasibility study analysis, corporate stockbroking as well as corporate advisory.

White Canyon Uranium Ltd recently welcomed Utah resident director **Mike Bynum** to its board.

Bynum has previously held senior management and board positions and served as managing partner of Chrisman, Bynum & Johnson PC, a Colorado-based law firm.

He has worked closely with emerging US corporations with a focus on developing, implementing and delivering successful growth strategies and business structures.

Coalspur Mines Ltd has further strengthened

its management team with the appointment of **David Leslie** as vice president of its technical services arm.

A geological engineer who is registered as a professional engineer (mining) in the Canadian province of Alberta, Leslie brings to the company a mining career spanning over 20 years of experience in the coal and oil sands sectors.

He most recently worked with Teck Resources Ltd as manager of mining engineering.

Dual-listed South African hydrocarbon miner Coal of Africa Ltd has turned to a former Anglo American Plc executive to help it with its growth plans.

**John Wallington** is now the company's CEO and one of its executive directors.

Wallington has worked in the coal industry for 30 years and was chief executive of Anglo Coal from 2005-2008.

He holds a BSc in mining engineering from the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa, and has participated in executive programs with both the London Business School and Harvard Business School.

The company's incumbent managing director, **Simon Farrell**, will move into the role of executive deputy chairman.

There has been something of a management restructure at Conquest Mining Ltd, with shareholders of the junior recently approving the appointment of new executive chairman **Jake Klein** and non executive directors **Nicholas Curtis** and **James Askew**.

As a result, **John Terpu**, **Bruno Firriolo** and **Joe Radici** stood down from the board.

Meanwhile, erstwhile chairman **Rich Krasnoff** will continue with Conquest as a non executive director.

Klein also replaced Terpu as managing director. In addition, Firriolo's employment as an executive with the company ceased. He was replaced by **Aaron Colleran**.



Jake Klein



Nicholas Curtis



James Askew