



## APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS

Independence Group NL (“IGO” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce, following the acquisition of Sirius Resources NL (Sirius), the appointment of Dr. Mark Bennett and Mr. Neil Warburton as Non-Executive Directors of IGO.

“Following the completion of the Sirius acquisition, former Sirius directors, Mark Bennett and Neil Warburton have joined the Board,” Peter Bilbe, IGO Chairman said. “Both are very experienced exploration and mining executives and directors, and I look forward to their ongoing contributions to IGO. On behalf of the Company, I would like to welcome Mark and Neil to the IGO Board.”

### **Background on Mark Bennett BSc (Geology), PhD, MAICD, MAusIMM**

Dr. Bennett was the founding Managing Director and CEO of Sirius. He is a geologist with 25 years' experience in gold, nickel and base metal exploration and mining. He has worked in Australia, West Africa, Canada and Europe, predominantly for LionOre Mining International Limited and WMC Resources Limited. Positions held include Managing Director, Chief Executive Officer, Executive Director, Exploration Manager and Chief Geologist.

Dr. Bennett is a two time winner of the Association of Mining and Exploration Companies "Prospector Award" for his discoveries which include the Thunderbox gold deposit, the Waterloo nickel deposit and most recently the world class Nova nickel-copper deposit.

In addition to his technical expertise, Dr. Bennett is very experienced in corporate affairs, equity capital markets, investor relations and community engagement and led Sirius from prior to the discovery of Nova all the way through feasibility, financing, permitting and construction.

Dr. Bennett holds a BSc in Mining Geology from the University of Leicester and a PhD from the University of Leeds and is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, a Fellow of the Geological Society of London, a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists and a Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

### **Background on Neil Warburton Assoc. MinEng WASM, MAusIMM, FAICD**

Mr. Neil Warburton was a Non-Executive Director of Sirius. Until March 2012, Mr Warburton was the Chief Executive Officer of Barmenco Limited, one of Australia's largest underground mining contractors. Mr. Warburton successfully guided and led the company and strengthened its presence within Australia and Africa, more than doubling revenues during his tenure. Prior to Barmenco, he was Managing Director of Coolgardie Gold. He is currently a Non-Executive Director of ASX listed Red Mountain Mining Limited, Australian Mines Limited, Namibian Copper Limited and Peninsular Energy Limited.



Mr. Warburton graduated from the Western Australia School of Mines with an Associate Degree in Mining Engineering and spent the formative years of his career as a mining engineer at WMC Resources Limited's Kambalda Nickel Mines. He is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy.

Following the appointments the Board of IGO is as follows:

Peter Bilbe	Non-Executive Chairman
Peter Bradford	Managing Director
Keith Spence	Non-Executive Director
Geoffrey Clifford	Non-Executive Director
Peter Buck	Non-Executive Director
Mark Bennett	Non-Executive Director
Neil Warburton	Non-Executive Director

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