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Experienced Geologist Appointed to Broken Hill Prospecting Board

A geologist with extensive experience in western New South Wales and the Broken Hill region, Mr Rob Barnes, has today been appointed a director of Broken Hill Prospecting Ltd (ASX: BPL).

Mr Barnes served as Chief Geoscientist (Minerals) in the NSW Department of Primary Industries from 2005 to 2010, and since then has worked as an industry consultant. He has been retained by BPL to advise on the company's recent successful drilling programs to expand its cobalt deposit at Pyrite Hill, 25 kilometres south-west of Broken Hill, and the discovery of the nearby Railway cobalt prospect. Railway is now the subject of a scoping study to investigate a 7.5 million tonne-a-year open-cut mine with annual production of pyrite concentrate containing about 7,000 tonnes of cobalt.

BPL's managing director Dr Ian Pringle said: "Rob is already a valued part of the BPL team because of the deep knowledge he has of the Broken Hill region. I am pleased that he has accepted our invitation to join the board at a time when we are moving into the evaluation and development stage of a unique cobalt discovery that has tremendous potential."

Mr Barnes graduated from Macquarie University in 1972 with a Bachelor of Arts (Geology), going on to work for the Geological Survey and NSW Department of Mineral Resources, including being based for eight years until 1983 at the Broken Hill project office. He subsequently completed two Master of Science degrees (Applied Geology and Geological Data Processing) at the University of NSW and a Graduate Certificate in Public Sector Management from Macquarie University.

The Board has determined that Mr Barnes is an independent director.

About Broken Hill Prospecting

BPL is seeking to explore, evaluate and develop cobalt deposits in the Broken Hill area. Within two mining leases (ML86 and ML87) BPL has cobalt mineral resources (Inferred Resources) which total 20.8 million tonnes at a combined average grade of 1.87lb/tonne cobalt (Pyrite Hill and Big Hill deposits) as well as potential mineralisation between 14-24Mt of similar grade at the Pyrite Hill Deposit (Hellman & Schofield resources study, November 2011). Exploration for additional cobalt mineralisation along-trend and at depth beneath these deposits is in progress. These are a unique type of cobalt deposit and BPL is in an excellent position to take advantage of an increasing demand for cobalt to meet growth in environmental and industrial uses such as rechargeable batteries in automobiles.

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