

Announcements - Gemstones Of Africa PLC - Appointment Of Director

Gemstones of Africa Plc (GOA), the AIM listed explorer focused on Tanzania, is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Simon Rollason as Non-Executive Chairman, effective 1st June 2009. Simon brings a wealth of experience to the company having worked in mining and geological exploration in Africa, Middle East, Central Asia and the Far East with both multi-nationals and junior resources companies.

He has been involved with and managed operations that have varied from exploration and evaluation projects to successful feasibility studies. Over the past 18 years he has gained experience working on a broad spread of commodities ranging from grassroots exploration through to producing assets. Simon is currently the Managing Director of Obtala Resources Plc.

David Hargreaves becomes Managing Director. Rakesh Patel continues as Finance Director and Nicolas Eastwood as a Non-Executive Director.

David Hargreaves, Chairman of Gemstones of Africa commented:

"I have great confidence in the experience and commitment which Simon brings to the Company. I am confident that with Simon's support GoA will be able to deliver value for our shareholders."

There is no information in relation to Mr Rollason's appointment required pursuant to Schedule 2 paragraph (g) of the AIM rules for Companies other than as follows:

Current Directorships: Obtala Resources

Past Directorships: None