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ANNUAL REPORT 2009 – COMPETENT PERSON’S STATEMENT

In regards to the Operations Report as disclosed in the 2009 Annual Report (as released today), please find below the Competent Person’s Statement to accompany that report.

Competent Person’s Statement

Information in the annual report pertaining to mineral resources and exploration results was compiled by Mr. J Jordan who is a member of Aus.I.M.M.

Mr. J Jordan has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralization and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the ‘Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves’.

Mr. J Jordan consents to the inclusion in the annual report of the matters based on his information in the form and context which it appears.

Yours sincerely



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