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***International Mining Executive to Join Ausenco Board***

**BRISBANE:** Ausenco Limited (ASX: AAX) today announced the appointment of internationally respected resources sector executive, John O'Reilly to its Board as an independent non-executive director.

London-based John O'Reilly is highly regarded in the mining sector having accrued over 40 years experience including 19 years in senior executive positions within Rio Tinto Plc.

Over a period of five years, Mr O'Reilly dedicated his time to the development, construction and operation of the Lihir Gold Limited project in Papua New Guinea, in which Rio Tinto was a substantial shareholder.

Mr O'Reilly was subsequently appointed the inaugural Chief Executive Officer and director of Lihir Gold Limited and Managing Director of Lihir Management Company Limited. He was last appointed to the Board of Lihir Gold in March 2003 as a director nominated by Rio Tinto.

Mr O'Reilly's contribution to Rio Tinto and his considerable development and operational experience with major global mining companies in Oman, Iran, Botswana, Papua New Guinea and Zambia will provide the Ausenco Board with an invaluable global insight across all aspects of mine development, construction and operation.

Ausenco Chairman Wayne Goss said, "We are pleased that an individual with the experience and calibre of John O'Reilly has accepted our invitation to further augment the strong Board of Ausenco. John will complement the skills of the existing strong group of Directors and provide beneficial input towards our future growth and strategic direction."

John O'Reilly also remains a director of Lion Selection Group Limited, AuSelect Limited, Indophil Resources NL and Cambrian Mining Plc.

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## **About Ausenco Limited**

Diversified minerals processing engineering and project management services provider Ausenco Limited was established in 1991 and has completed projects with an installed capital value in excess of \$1 billion in 33 countries. Ausenco is currently working on projects with an installed capital value of \$1.8 billion.

Ausenco has amassed an impressive 15-year track record and has become internationally renowned for its expertise in the provision of engineering, procurement, construction and project management services to the global mining and mineral processing industries. Its clients span the gamut of the world's foremost mining entities including BHP Billiton, Rio Tinto, Oxiana, Barrick Gold, Newmont Mining, Sino Gold, and Kingsgate Consolidated.