



## **Minera IRL Limited**

### **Minera IRL Limited Appoints Kenneth Judge as Non-Executive Director**

London, 21 December, 2009: Minera IRL Limited (“Minera IRL” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce today’s appointment of Kenneth Judge to the board as a Non-Executive Director.

Courtney Chamberlain, Executive Chairman of Minera IRL commented:

*“I am pleased to welcome Ken Judge to the Board. His extensive corporate experience in the mining industry will provide valuable assistance to the Minera IRL Board.”*

*The successful acquisition of Hidefield Gold plc (of which Ken Judge was the Executive Chairman), provides Minera IRL with a well established advanced project in the exciting Santa Cruz gold region of Argentina and diversifies our project portfolio further within Latin America.”*

Mr. Judge has extensive business management experience having held a number of public company directorships and more recently having been engaged in the establishment or corporate restructure of technology, mining and oil and gas companies in Australia, the UK, US, Brazil, Argentina, Canada and the Philippines.

Mr. Judge completed degrees in Commerce, Jurisprudence and Law at the University of Western Australia before qualifying as a Barrister and Solicitor specialising in international mergers and acquisitions law. Mr. Judge is a resident of Monaco where he is involved in private investment and restructuring technology, resource and oil and gas companies.

#### **Further information on Kenneth Judge**

Kenneth Peter Judge, aged 54, has a beneficial interest in 1,389,062 ordinary shares in the Company representing 1.62 per cent. of the issued ordinary share capital of Minera IRL.

Mr. Judge is, or has been within the previous five years, a director of the following companies:

#### **Current Directorships or partnerships**

18 Brechin Place Limited  
Agett Investments Pty Ltd  
Alto Ventures Limited  
Brazilian Diamonds Limited  
Carnarvon Petroleum Ltd  
Euphrates Petroleum Inc  
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#### **Past Directorships held within the last five years**

Block Shield Corporation  
Columbus Gold Corporation  
Columbus Silver Corporation  
Empire International Mining Corp  
Empire Mining Corporation  
Forum Uranium Corp  
Hidefield Gold Limited

Euphrates Petroleum Ltd	Latin America Minerals Inc
Gulfsands Petroleum Iraq Ltd	Piper Capital Inc
Gulfsands Petroleum Ltd	
Gulfsands Petroleum plc	
Gulfsands Petroleum Syria Ltd	
Hamilton Capital Partners Ltd	
Hamilton Marine Ltd	
Hamilton Property Holdings (Brazil) Limited	
Hamilton Resource Group	
Iraq Holdings Inc	
Iraq Holdings Ltd (BVI)	
Iraq Holdings Ltd (UK)	
Karratta Pty Ltd	
Marinaside Developments Inc	
Medcenter Holdings Inc.	
Rio Gold Limited	

There are no other matters which are required to be announced with regard to this appointment under paragraph (g) of Schedule Two of the AIM Rules.

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*Minera IRL Limited ("MIRL") is the AIM and Lima, Peru listed holding company of precious metals mining and exploration companies focused in Latin America. MIRL is led by an experienced senior management team with extensive industry experience, particularly in operating in South America. The Group operates the Corihuarmi Gold Mine and the emerging Ollachea Gold Project in Peru.*

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