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## **The Association for Responsible Mining (ARM) appoints Senior Advisor and three new members to its Board of Directors**

ARM is delighted to announce that Professor Alyson Warhurst has kindly accepted to be Senior Advisor on strategic issues to ARM and that Maria Laura Barreto, Victor Manuel Reinoso and Wilson Mutagwaba were unanimously elected as new members of its Board of Directors.

**PROFESSOR ALYSON WARHURST** is a world leading authority with 25 years experience exploring the roles and responsibilities of business in society – a field sometimes referred to as Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). Her first degree was in geology (Bristol) and her PhD was in political science: 'Technology transfer and mining' (Science Policy Research Unit, University of Sussex). Alyson has worked extensively in South America and China as well as in Africa, with a focus on business and development. She worked in Canada's Aid Program (IDRC) during the 1980s. Alyson is Chair of Strategy and International Development, Director of the Corporate Citizenship Unit, Faculty member World Economic Forum (2000 –), and Member of the Clinton Global Initiative for world leaders (2007). She is also writer of many learned articles, chapters and books and adviser to several CEOs, Boards and senior executives.

**DOCTOR MARIA LAURA BARRETO** is a lawyer and PHD in Mineral Engineering. She has 25 years of experience in the field of extractive industries and environmental law. Her career involves three major phases in different locations: Mozambique, Brazil and Canada. In Mozambique, she was a senior legal advisor to the Minister of Mineral Resources. In Brazil, during 17 years, she became an academic both as a researcher and professor, and she continued her work as a Senior Legal and Policy Advisor for the Secretary of Mining and Metallurgy, particularly in the area of international environmental negotiations. Arriving in Canada in 2002, she co-founded a consulting company, the Materials Efficiency Research Group, which has been actively engaged with a range of governments, companies and NGOs in the field of environmental law and extractive industries. She is also a visiting professor at universities in British Columbia, Spain and the USA. During recent years, she has worked primarily with the University of Ottawa at the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law. Dr. Barreto is also a member of RESPOMIN, the Iberoamerican network for responsible ASM coordinated by ARM, and advisor on regulatory and public policy issues relating to ASM.

**VICTOR MANUEL REINOSO** is a Peruvian artisanal miner since 1993, in 1999 he became shareholder of the mining Enterprise *La Victoria S.A.* In 2001 he assumed its general management and in May of 2001 he assumed the responsibility, with other miners and organisations, of formulating a law project for the formalization of artisanal mining in Peru. Supported by international cooperation, he participated in the organization of the first artisanal miners meeting held in the city of Arequipa. There he was elected president of the Coordinating Commission of Artisanal Miners of the Middle South. With the support of other leaders from Puno and Madre de Dios, the law 27651 of Formalization and Promotion of Small Scale and Artisanal Mining, is released. In July of 2002 he assumes the presidency of the Regional Association of Artisanal Miners Producers of the Middle South and Center of Peru, AMASUC, which represents some 32 miners' organisations in that region of Peru. Mr. Reinoso is also a member of RESPOMIN, the Iberoamerican network for responsible



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ASM coordinated by ARM, and is widely known by miners and researchers in the ASM sector as an inspirational leader.

**WILSON MUTAGWABA WILSON MUTAGWABA** is a Tanzanian Mining Engineer and holds a PhD in Mining Engineering (Computer Aided Design) with more than 24 years experience in the field of, small-scale mining in Tanzania, Ghana, Sierra Leone, Swaziland, Lesotho, Malawi, Sudan and Uganda. Since 1995, Wilson has worked as a consultant providing services to the mining industry, governments and International agencies on mining related fields, including mining policy and legislation, environmental impact assessments, mercury use abatement, among others. Furthermore, Wilson has more than 36 acknowledged publications on mining related topics.

Members of the Stakeholder Alliance of ARM nominated these, and three additional candidates for the Board of Directors: Jennifer Horning from Ethical Metalsmiths of the US, Vivien Johnson, jeweller and designer of Fifi Bijoux from the UK, and Kathleen A .Charles senior advisor to the African Precious Metals Branch of the FMBE Bank, from Tanzania. ARM would like to specially recognize the great contributions that Jennifer, Vivien and Kathleen can make to support ARM in building an international scheme for fair trade gold and other minerals and will certainly work with them and the organisations they represent as we move forward. However, in order to ensure a balanced representation in the Board of Directors, at this specific moment ARM was specifically seeking nominees representing artisanal and small-scale miners and support organizations. ARM's Board of Directors is now comprised by seven individuals who represent the main stakeholder constituencies of the organisation including two small-scale miners, three individuals from support organizations<sup>1</sup> and two traders<sup>2</sup>. Besides the three newly appointed Board members, Catalina Cock from Amichoco Foundation of Colombia, Ervin Rentería from Oro Verde, Colombia, Greg Valerio from Cred Jewellery, UK, and Patrick Schein from SP Trading, France conform ARM's Board of Directors. ARM is sincerely grateful for the pro bono work provided by its Board members and Senior Advisor.

Artisanal and small scale mining (ASM) employs some estimated 11 to 13 million people, although according to the ILO between 80 and 100 million depend on it as part of their diversified or seasonal livelihood strategies for survival. **ARM** 's mission is to work towards the transformation of ASM into a socially and environmentally responsible activity, facilitate an economically just supply chain and educate the consumers as to their power to directly improve the quality of life of artisanal miners by purchasing fair trade jewellery and minerals. ARM would like to welcome Laura, Manuel, Wilson and Alyson to this exciting challenge. We are convinced that your qualifications and expertise will bring very important contributions to this multi-stakeholder process.

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<sup>1</sup> Support organizations include NGOs working on social, development, technological and environmental issues, as well as practitioners, researchers and academics interested in supporting responsible ASM.

<sup>2</sup> Traders include refiners, jewellers, retailers and any other organizations with commercial interests different from producer organizations with a genuine demonstrated commitment to supporting responsible ASM.



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