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JOHN DAWKINS APPOINTED DIRECTOR

Australian Bauxite Limited (**ABx**) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Dawkins A.O. as an independent Director to the Board.

Mr Dawkins earliest exposure to the mining industry was when as Minister for Trade (1984-1987) in the Hawke Government he was responsible for the administration of export controls on certain minerals until he proposed the abolition of these arrangements in order to improve the operation of the market. During his time in Government, Mr Dawkins served in a number of other portfolios including Minister for Finance (1983-1984), Minister for Employment, Education and Training (1987-1991) and Treasurer (1991-1993) in the Keating Government.

Mr Dawkins brings to ABx a wealth of governance experience, including prominent roles in public and private institutions. He chairs the Australian Qualifications Framework Council and the Board of Governors of the Institute for International Trade at the University of Adelaide and is on the unlisted Government Board of Relations Australia Advisory Ltd.

Mr Dawkins is currently a Director of Archer Exploration Limited, and is Chairman of Sovereign Gold Company Limited and Integrated Legal Holdings Limited.

ABx Chairman, Peter Meers welcomed Mr Dawkins, "The Board anticipates that Mr Dawkins will significantly contribute towards the rapid growth of ABx during 2012 and beyond."

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About Australian Bauxite Limited: ASX Code ABZ

Australian Bauxite Limited (**ABx**) holds the core of the newly discovered Eastern Australian Bauxite Province. Its 35 bauxite tenements in Queensland, NSW and Tasmania covering close to 8,000 km² were rigorously selected on 3 principles:

1. good quality bauxite;
2. proximity to infrastructure connected to export ports; and
3. free of socio-environmental or native title land constraints.

All tenements are 100% owned and free of obligations for processing and third party royalties. ABx has already discovered many bauxite deposits and new discoveries are still being made as knowledge and expertise grows.

The company's bauxite is high quality and can be processed into alumina at low temperature – the type that is in short supply globally.

ABx has the potential to create significant bauxite developments in three states - Queensland, New South Wales and Tasmania. Its bauxite deposits are favourably located for direct shipping of bauxite to both local and export customers. Laboratory results from recent drilling of the ABx discoveries of bauxite in Tasmania are yet to be evaluated, however, bauxite is confirmed to extend over relatively large areas.

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