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New Director Appointed. Chairman to retire.

Highlands Pacific Ltd (ASX:HIG) has today appointed experienced mining executive Ron Douglas as a Non-Executive Director of the Company. Current chairman, Mr Ken MacDonald, intends to retire from the Board in March, when Mr Douglas will then assume the chairmanship.

An engineer by training, Mr Douglas has more than 30 years' experience in senior management in the mining industry, including five years as Executive General Manager Projects and Studies at Newcrest Mining, and three years as Global Head of Projects and Technology at Orica. He also is former CEO of Australian Solomons Gold and currently is employed as Executive Vice President Global Project Delivery at Ausenco, based in Brisbane.

"We are delighted to have Ron join the Board," said Mr MacDonald. "He brings broad operational expertise to the Company, as well as very relevant project development skills as we begin a new chapter in the history of Highlands under the stewardship of newly appointed Managing Director Craig Lennon."

Mr MacDonald will be stepping down as Chairman in March after nine years as a director.

"It has been a privilege to serve as Chairman of Highlands Pacific. The Company is well positioned to grow in the coming years, providing investors with unique exposure to a suite of exciting projects. I look forward to seeing the Company prosper in the future as our projects are brought to fruition and commodity prices recover," Mr MacDonald said.

Managing Director Craig Lennon said Mr MacDonald had made a major contribution to the development of Highlands Pacific.

"He has been an excellent chairman, bringing great wisdom and experience to the role, as well as valuable legal expertise. We thank him and wish him well. I also welcome Ron to the Board and look forward to working with him to generate increased returns for shareholders in coming years," he said.

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Shares on Issue: 933 million

Performance Rights: 22 million

Directors

Ken MacDonald, Chairman
Craig Lennon, Managing Director
Mike Carroll
Dan Wood
Bart Philemon
Ron Douglas

Management

Sylvie Moser, CFO and Company Secretary
Ron Gawi, GM Port Moresby
Leslie Nand, GM Exploration Projects

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About Highlands Pacific Limited

Highlands Pacific is a mining and exploration company registered and incorporated in PNG and listed on the Australian and Port Moresby stock exchanges. Highlands has a long history of successful exploration and project development in PNG. The Company was formed in 1997 and has since established an impressive suite of projects providing investors with leveraged exposure to copper, nickel and gold. Its major assets are interests in the producing Ramu nickel cobalt mine and the Frieda River copper gold project, with exploration in progress at the highly prospective Star Mountains tenements. Highlands also has exploration territory on Normanby Island (Sewa Bay), at the south eastern tip of PNG. Through the efforts of its highly experienced staff, the Company is committed to the responsible development of mining projects for the benefit of all its stakeholders, including shareholders, landowners, business partners and the broader PNG community.

Star Mountains Prospects

The Star Mountains exploration tenements are located approximately 20km north of the Ok Tedi mine, in the West Sepik Province, PNG. They lie within the highly prospective New Guinean Orogenic Belt, which hosts the Grasberg, Ok Tedi, Porgera and Hidden Valley mines, as well as the Frieda deposit. The Star Mountains project is held within a joint venture with partner Anglo American plc.

Ramu Nickel Cobalt Mine

The producing Ramu nickel cobalt mine is located 75km west of the provincial capital of Madang, PNG. Highlands 8.56% interest in Ramu will increase to 11.3% at no cost to Highlands after repayment of its share of the project debt. Highlands also has an option to acquire an additional 9.25% interest in Ramu at fair market value, which could increase the company's interest in the mine to 20.55%, if the option is exercised.

Frieda River Copper/Gold Project

The Frieda River copper gold project is located 175kms north-west of the Porgera gold mine and 75km north-east of the Ok Tedi mine. Highlands has a 20% interest in the project and Frieda River Limited (FRL) (a wholly owned subsidiary of PanAust Limited which in turn is a wholly owned subsidiary of Guangdong Rising Assets Management Co. Ltd.) 80%.