

GEORGE JONES AM TO RETIRE AS CHAIRMAN

TO BE SUCCEEDED BY PROMINENT BUSINESSMAN AND DELOITTE CHAIRMAN KEITH JONES

Gindalbie Metals Limited (ASX: **GBG** – “Gindalbie”) today announced that George Jones has indicated his intention to retire as Chairman of the Company, effective from 9 April 2013.

He will be succeeded by prominent Western Australian business leader Keith Jones, who has today been appointed as a non-executive Director, with the intention that he will take over the Chairmanship from 10 April.

Mr Jones said that with the commissioning and ramp-up of the Karara Project now well advanced, he believed that the official opening of the Project on 9 April marked an appropriate time to hand over the reins.

“For some time I have wanted to reduce my work-load and be in a position to spend more time with my wife Penny and my family,” Mr Jones said. “After resuming the Chairmanship of Gindalbie in 2010 following the tragic loss of Geoff Wedlock in West Africa, I believed very strongly that it was important to see the project through the final stages of development and into production.

“This has now been achieved, and the Karara team has done a great job in completing the project broadly on time and within the revised construction budget we set out last year. Production of DSO hematite has already ramped up to above our targeted 2Mtpa level and the commissioning of the Karara Concentrator is going extremely well, with no material issues encountered.

“I am confident that we are on track to complete the ramp-up to 8Mtpa by the end of April, as scheduled, with the official opening ceremony scheduled for 9 April representing an appropriate time for me to acknowledge the people who have worked so hard to make this project a reality, and to move on.

“After stepping down, I intend to remain closely involved with the mining industry through my ongoing role as Chairman of PCF Capital, which will enable me to continue to contribute my knowledge and experience to the industry, but with a reduced work-load.

“I also intend to remain involved in several charitable ventures which are very close to my heart.

“I am extremely confident about the long-term future of Gindalbie and Karara, and I am pleased to be leaving the Company in a position of great strength with a world-class asset now in production and a powerful partner in Ansteel who can help us realize our next chapter of growth. I intend to remain a significant shareholder of Gindalbie, and to maintain close links with the Company into the future.”

Mr Jones said he was pleased to be handing over the Chairmanship to a strong, experienced and highly skilled businessman in Keith Jones.

Keith Jones recently stepped down from the position of Managing Partner of the Deloitte Western Australian practice, a position he held for over a decade. Under his leadership, the Deloitte Perth team has achieved outstanding growth, increasing from 120 to more than 500 staff, establishing a range of new service offerings. He was also recently recommended to the Deloitte Partners as Chairman of the Deloitte Australia Board from 1 June.

As part of his role at Deloitte, Mr Jones has been a director of Deloitte Corporate Finance since 1990. He has over 30 years’ experience in the resources industry, having been involved with audit, merger and acquisition advice, valuation, modeling and risk review of a wide range of clients across the resource sector.

In the course of his career, he has worked for a range of premier resource industry clients including Rio Tinto, BHP, Hancock & Wright, Fortescue Metals Group, Portman Mining, Sundance Resources, Minara Resources, Woodside Petroleum and Resolute Mining. Since 2010, Mr Jones has led the National Energy and Resource Group for Deloitte, assuming responsibility for the firm’s Mining, Oil & Gas, Power and Water industry groups.

In the past three years, Mr Jones has led Deloitte Australia's engagement with both the firm's Chinese practice and the Chinese community in Australia, as well as State Owned Enterprises and the investing community in China. He is a regular visitor to China and has overseen a five-fold expansion of business between Deloitte Australia and China over this period.

In welcoming his appointment to the Board, George Jones said: "Keith is one of WA's most respected business leaders and I am delighted that he has agreed to join the Gindalbie Board. He has an extraordinary depth of experience and contacts across the Australian resource sector and he brings expertise in handling corporate issues, major transactions, corporate governance and, importantly, managing business relationships in China.

"From Gindalbie's perspective, he will be a tremendous addition to our Board in the short-term and he has my complete confidence as Chairman-elect. I would like to congratulate Keith on his appointment and I am very much looking forward to his leadership in the future."

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