



## **PILBARA ANNOUNCES FURTHER BOARD & MANAGEMENT CHANGES**

Australian lithium developer Pilbara Minerals Limited (ASX: PLS) is pleased to announce further changes to its Board and senior management team, as part of further building the Company's expertise and experience moving towards development of the Pilgangoora project.

The Company's founding Executive Director, **Mr Neil Biddle**, has stepped down from his role as an Executive Director, with effect from 20 August 2016. Mr Biddle will remain on the board as a non-executive Director and will continue to provide significant strategic input and advice to the Company. He also remains a significant shareholder in the Company.

Pilbara's Company Secretary, **Mr Alan Boys**, has been appointed as an alternate Director to Mr Biddle for the period from 20 August to the end of September 2016, at a time when Mr Biddle will be travelling extensively overseas.

The Company has also appointed experienced commercial lawyer and corporate executive **Mr Alex Eastwood** as General Counsel. Mr Eastwood will also be assuming the role of Company Secretary from the end of August, replacing Mr Boys who has held the position of Company Secretary since 2014.

Mr Eastwood has more than 20 years' experience as a commercial lawyer, company secretary and corporate finance executive. He has previously held partnerships with two international law firms, Deacons (now Norton Rose) and K&L Gates (the latter as Partner in Energy, Infrastructure and Resources) and has extensive experience in the corporate finance area including as a director of Blackswan Equities prior to its acquisition by Euroz Securities Limited.

He has also held a number of senior corporate positions with ASX-listed companies including as General Counsel and Company Secretary with Gryphon Minerals and General Counsel and Senior Executive with Imdex Limited. He was previously a Director of Corporate Finance with Carmichael Capital Markets.

Pilbara's Managing Director, Mr Ken Brinsden, said following the recent appointment of Brian Lynn as CFO and now the appointment of Alex Eastwood reflected the growing depth of the Company's senior leadership team as it prepared to make the transition from explorer/developer to producer.

"On behalf of the Board and management team, I would like to acknowledge the extremely valuable contribution made by Alan Boys over the past two years. Alan has been a key part of the team which has driven Pilbara from a junior explorer to a mid-tier mining company, initially as Company Secretary and Chief Financial Officer and more recently as Company Secretary. His hard work and strong commitment has been greatly appreciated."

"We welcome Alex Eastwood to the senior management team as our new General Counsel and Company Secretary. Alex is a highly experienced and well-regarded senior executive with wide-ranging experience across the legal, commercial and corporate finance sectors. His skills and experience will be extremely valuable to Pilbara moving forward."

## **More Information:**

### **ABOUT PILBARA MINERALS**

Pilbara Minerals (“Pilbara” – ASX: PLS) is a mining and exploration company listed on the ASX, specialising in the exploration and development of the specialty metals Lithium and Tantalum. Pilbara owns 100% of the world class Pilgangoora Lithium-Tantalum project which is the second largest Spodumene (Lithium Aluminium Silicate) project in the world. Pilgangoora is also one of the largest pegmatite hosted Tantalite resources in the world and Pilbara proposes to produce Tantalite as a by-product of its Spodumene production.

### **ABOUT LITHIUM**

Lithium is a soft silvery white metal which is highly reactive and does not occur in nature in its elemental form. It has the highest electrochemical potential of all metals, a key property in its role in Lithium-ion batteries. In nature it occurs as compounds within hard rock deposits and salt brines. Lithium and its chemical compounds have a wide range of industrial applications resulting in numerous chemical and technical uses. A key growth area is its use in lithium batteries as a power source for a wide range of applications including consumer electronics, power station-domestic-industrial storage, electric vehicles, power tools and almost every application where electricity is currently supplied by fossil fuels.

### **ABOUT TANTALUM**

The Tantalum market is boutique in size with around 1,300 tonnes required each year. Its primary use is in capacitors for consumer electronics, particularly where long battery life and high performance is required such as smart phones, tablets and laptops.

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