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Company Announcements Office
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Via Facsimile: 1300 300 021

Dear Sir/Madam,

APPOINTMENT OF NEW DIRECTOR

The Directors of Oropa Limited (“Oropa”) take pleasure in announcing the appointment of Dr John W. Bristow to the Board of Directors of Oropa.

Dr Bristow, an eminent South African geoscientist with in excess of 20 years experience in the South African diamond industry has taken up the position of Technical Director.

Dr Bristow’s most recent position was Chief Executive officer of GEM Diamond Mining Corporation, owner of the Saxondraft alluvial diamond mining operations along the Orange River in South Africa which merged with Trans-Hex group in May 2000 to become South Africa’s second largest diamond producer.

Yours faithfully,
OROPA LIMITED

Brian J Hurley
CHAIRMAN