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## **DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT**

Blackthorn Resources Limited (ASX: BTR) (“the Company” or “Blackthorn Resources”) is pleased to announce that Mr Derek Carter has agreed to join the Board of Blackthorn Resources as a Non-executive Director, effective from today.

Derek Carter has over 40 years’ experience in exploration and mine geology, including 17 years in management of ASX-listed exploration companies. He held senior positions in the Shell Group of Companies and Burmine Ltd before founding Minotaur Exploration in 1993. Derek was Managing Director of Minotaur Exploration from its inception until 2010 when he became Chairman of the company. He is also currently Chairman of Petrathern Ltd, and is a director of Mithril Resources Ltd and Toro Energy Ltd, all of which are listed on the ASX.

Derek was Vice President and later, President, of the South Australian Chamber of Mines and Energy, was a director of the Australian Gold Council and Chairman of the Minerals exploration Advisory Group, a body advising the Federal Minister on issues affecting exploration within Australia. He is currently a member of the South Australian Resources Development Board, and the South Australian Minerals and Petroleum Experts Group. He is also Board member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AusIMM).

The Board is absolutely delighted that Derek has agreed to become a director of Blackthorn Resources. Derek will bring a wealth of exploration and mining/resource experience to Blackthorn Resources at this crucial time for the Company as it develops its portfolio of exploration assets. In addition, his commercial and executive experience and respect within the resource industry in Australia will provide a valuable addition to Blackthorn Resources’ Board.

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